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17th March 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Landreth Morris
Superintendent

Hon N. J. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

17th March 1873

Sir,

You are hereby authorized to admit the following named persons into the Mint, tomorrow, Sunday to perform necessary repairs:—

Mr F.C. Gannigues, and Mess. Geo. W. Brooke
Wm Kerlin, Wm Turner, Chas. G. Moore (and
E.B. Cobb. Jr.

Very respectfully

Henderson Snowden
Superintendent

Captain Banks
Sunday Watch
U.S. Mint

March 17th 3

Sir

I return for the $10.00 draft in your letter of the 16th inst, I send herewith Nos (2) proof sheets of the plates of the coinage of 1873.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. Wm. A. Richardson
Secretary
Treasury Department
Washington
D. C.

March 19th 3

1978	Jos W. Seligman & Co	61.919.44
1979	Handy & Harman	42.10.17
1980	Do	6.812.11

Lucien Moreau

4½

March 17th 83

J. W. Seligman & Co

Inf.

March 10th 83

55.708.67

55.632.65

61.919.14

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A. London Bankers

March 17th 83

J. B. Colgate Pres

M.J.

March 9th 83

75.403.57

75.394.46

$1.130 83.847.26

Telegram

Phila March 19th 3

Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

I leave for New Orleans
this morning direct by way
of Louisville. Mr Cowpethwaite
just returned

A Loudon Snowden
Supt U.S. Mint

Chg Govt A/c

March 19th 3

Sir.

I transmit herewith my statement of Earnings & Expenditures, and Melter & Refiner's Bond for Alloy &c. for the 4th quarter, 1882.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19th March 3

Sir;

On page 13 of Proceedings of the Assay Commission of 1883", just published, I notice that Philadelphia Mark Silver is reported as "902.0" instead of "900.2

This is a very gross error and should be if possible corrected

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

March 19th 0

1981 Stanley Thomas 32.55½.75

/s/ Solomon Thurlow

Superintendent

March 19th 3

1st

34.266.168.443

2.057.906.07
26.966.906.65
3971.610.97
967.6.2.9
34.265.16.5.443

Lucian Thurlow

March 19th 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage from the Miner Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in 1st nickel Cents upon the following authority—

Viz: Letter Telegram Director Sept. 24th 1873

Do Do Jany 23d 1874

Do Secretary of the Treas. Oct. 29th 1874

Do Director Dec. 11th 1875

Do Do May 29th 1878

Do with enclosure Do Nov 14th 1881

Do of Approval Treas. U.S. " 22d 1881

S.R. Comstock Chief

ag Superintendent

21st March 3

Sir,

You are directed to comply with the instructions of the Director & cause the following dies to be prepared and transmitted to the Mint at New Orleans, as early as

12 Obverse Standard Silver dollar, 1 15/16 inches in length

12 Reverse " " 2 3/16 inches in length

Very respectfully

L.R. Comptstock

Acting Superintendent

M. Charles E. Pabin

Engraver

20th March 8

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the oath of Office of Joseph R. Sander, recently appointed Night Watchman in the General Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L. R. Comptsworth
Acting Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Benchard
Comptr of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21 & March 3

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that our stock of one cent Nickel pieces belonging to the Treasurer of the United States is now reduced to about 3000 dollars.

If it is the design of the Department that the 5 pieces shall continue to be made from the Nickel one cent pieces now in the hands of the Assistant Treasurers of this and other cities, I would respectfully request that you order a immediate transfer to this Mint in that coin of 20000 dollars, and I will advise you

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from time to time when further transfers shall be required

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L R Congdon Waite
Acting Superintendent

Hon A C Dunlap
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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March 20th 3

1982 Handy Hernia 16.02.2.74

L. R. Bowker Hernia
Clay

20th March 3

Col. A Loudon Snowden
Gait House
Louisville Ky

Everything going on well.
[illegible] miscreants.
L. R Consequa
Actg Supt.

Gov: Bates

17½

March 21st 1863.

Sir

In return for the $1.00 forwarded in your letter of the 20th inst., I send herewith 16 half four cent prints of the old style 1863 at 6¢ and return change & the amount of four cent.

Very respectfully

[illegible] Buchanan

Acting Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

21st March 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memorandum No. 481, in duplicate, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 9, received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of 16th March.

Very respectfully

L. Kleinfelder

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
NC

21st March 8

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 158, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the U. S. Assay Office, at Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of the Mint

Very respectfully

L. R. Boyden

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21st March 3

Sir

Will you please have prepared and forwarded to this Mint the following forms made in accordance with samples enclosed :-

1000 Form 100 B. Statement of Bullion deposited

2000 Assayers & Coiners Original Memorandums

1000 " " Deposit "

1000 " Mem. for M.S.K. Silver Bars

1000 " fine gold bar mem: form No. 79

1 Index book for Weigh Clerk

There is a pressing need for the Index book.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

E. K. Coupenthwaite

Melting Superintendent

Hon. H.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21st March 3

Sir

Will you please have prepared and forwarded to this Mint the following forms made in accordance with samples enclosed :-

1000 Form 108 B. Statement of Bullion deposited

2000 Assayers Daily Cupel Memorandums

1000 " " Deposit "

1000 " Mem. for M.O.K. Silver Bars

1000 " fine gold bar mem: form No. 3/9

1 Index book for Weigh Clerk

There is a pressing need for the Index book.

Very respectfully your obedient servant

Chas. R. Compton Thwaite

Melting Superintendent

Hon. H.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21st March 3

Sir;

Referring to yours of the 19th inst., covering letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, I beg to enclose designs for a bar for Life Saving Medal to be used in compliance with the Act of Congress of May 4th 1882, either of which may be selected as thought preferable, one can be adapted to gold medals, the other to silver.

Very respectfully
Your obdnt Servant
L R Compton
Acting Superintendent

Hon H C Bunkard
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

March 21st 3

1983 Handy Homes 16.426.72

[redacted]

copy

21st March 3

Sir;

In addition to the forms ordered by letter of current date, I beg to request, that you will have prepared,

1000 Statements of Silver purchased from No 1 to [illegible].

1000 Memo. Bill Copies from No 1413

1000 " " " "

I am respectfully

Your obedient Servant

S R Comptmurst

Acting Superintendent

Hon M C Perry

Secretary of the Treasury

Washington

DC

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

March 21st 1873.

Sir

I have the honor to report the appraisement of Foreign Bullion on hand at the close of business on the 20th inst. as follows:

Gold for Deposits
1,276,347.25/96 gross

Silver

gross

ounces ascertained.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

L. R. Comfort Chief
Acg Superintendent

Hon. Horace E. Richard
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

March 22d 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Three thousand & Eighteen 71/100 (3018.71) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority.

Viz:	Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24 1873
	Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
	Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29. 1874
	Do	Director	Dec. 11 1875
	Do	Do	May 29 1878
	Do with Enclosure	Do	Nov. 04 1881
	Do of Approval	Treasurer	" 29th 1881

S R Comstock Chief
acting Supt.

22nd March 73

Sir;

Please draw your transfer order for the sum of Forty Thousand five hundred and eighteen and 77/100 (44518.77) dollars to reimburse you for that amount of Nickel and Copper one cent pieces, withdrawn from your redemption fund for recoinage

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. Kneass Smith
Acting Superintendent

Hon James Gilfillan
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

22nd March 3

Sir;

I beg to inclose herewith Statements No 223 — for the months of January and February also, Statement No. 193 for the month of February 1883

The only way of exhibiting the cost or other valuation of the silver bullion on hand held by the officers is as we have scheduled it on the margin of form No. 223

I respectfully submit these forms for your approval and am sorry that we have not been able to forward

all these statements more promptly. Such others as are due you will be prepared and transmitted without any unnecessary delay

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. R. Cornpanthamite.
Acting Superintendent

Hon. M. L. Purchase
Secretary of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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Director of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

Seligman states he sold twenty five thousand (25.000-) @ one ten sixty five (1.10 45/64) You advise one ten forty (1.10 40/64) which is right. Answer

L.R. Cowperthwaite
Acty Supt.

(Copied)

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Treasurer United States
Washington D.C.

Transfer Letters thirty six eighty eight and thirty six eighty six are both for First National Bank St. Paul, Minn, and for same amounts. Is that correct. Answer.

L R Cowperthwaite
Acj Supt

Copied

3/24 3

A. London Commdr.
St. Charles Hotel
New Orleans

All moving along nicely.
nothing unusual to re-
port. Hope you are
quite well.

L.R. Cowperthwait
Actg. Supt.

Chg. Govt

24th March 3

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of Miners Journal of Gold & Bullion received &c &c

2 Silver melting Books (No 10)

1 package Containing Statements of Silver purchases

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. H. Compernolle
Acting Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

24th. Mch 3

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22nd. inst. I have to state that an examination has been made of our files and none of the memoranda of the Committee on Assaying from which the finenesses were entered are in our possession

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Cooper Thwaite
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

24th March 3

Sir;

As requested in your letter of 20th instt, I hand you herewith memorandum No. 491 for $20899.07, together with Certificate of Deposit of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States, in this City No. 7346 for the same amount, which has been deposited with that officer this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S K Bowen Smith
Acting Superintendent

No. 7346

Hon: James Gillespie
Treasurer of the United States
Washington D.C.

24th March 83

Sir;

Pursuant I hand you memorandum showing tale value, net value, and loss by recoinage of mutilated Silver Coin received from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, 20th 1883

Tale Value	$4283.50
Net Value	3992.87
Loss	$ 290.63

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S R Compton Superintendent
Acting Superintendent

Hon A C Buchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

March 2nd 3

1984	J. H. Talcott & Co	69.000
1985	Handy & Pierce	37.000
1986	do	76.000

P. Courtenay
Clerk

24th March 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
L.R. Eckfeldt
Acting Superintendent

Hon A. J. Dallas
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

76 ch Mail

L C A Louisiana Improvement
& Canal Co.
New Orleans La.

Everything progressing in good
condition. Telegraphed you to that
effect on Saturday morning to the
St. Charles.

[redacted]
L. R. Copeland
Chief Clerk U.S. Mint
Orleans

28th March 3

My dear Mr Preston

In reply to your note of the 24th inst. I have to state that the amount of 54 pieces of the old design Coined in 1853, as appears from the books of the Coiner, was $2.650

Very truly yours

J. R. Snowden Smith

March 26 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Miller Refiner for melting and recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand ($2000.) Dollars in 1¢ pieces (Copper coin) as per the following authority:

Mig.: Miller Telegram Director Apl 24th 1873

Do Do Jany 23d 1874

Do Secretary of the Treasy. Oct 29 1874

Do Director Dec 11 1875

Do Do May 29 1878

Do with Excerpt Do Nov 14 1881

Do Treas U.S approval " 22d 1881

L.R. Cooper Assistant

Acting Supt.

26th March 83

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith statement No 224 for the month of May 1883

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L. Blanchard
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Purcell
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

March 26th 1883

24th

34.157.936.70

2.593.127.50
26.724.778.67
3.626.206.48
1.013.824.05
34.157.936.70

L. R. Crosperthwaite
Acg Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D. C.

24th March 83

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of 2 Gold Working and 2 Silver Workings books for the Melter and Refiners Department.

The book of "Silver purchases sent to Refinery" referred to in your letter of the 17th inst. as having been mailed to this Mint on that day, has not yet been received

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

27th March 3

Sir,

Remittance No. 10, of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 24th inst.

Very respectfully

L. H. Crosfield

Acting Superintendent

Colonel J. Crowell Esq.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Mar. 27 [illegible]

1987	Jos. Seligman & Co	7207 [illegible]
1988	Handy & Conrad	18.22 [illegible] 15
1989	Do	27. [illegible] 86

S. R. Cooper Acy [illegible]

May 27th 83

J. W. Seligman & Co

22d. inst 82

25.170. 70
25.137 70
27.729. 40

$1.103

L. R. Bonfoutmuth
Agt

March 28 83

Harry & Annie

22 83

49.818. 30
49.946. 27
54.864. 24

March 28th 83

Handy & Connelly

1 Sp. mil. 83

200.196.25
197.791.52
222.261.24

L. R. Compton Asst
Acy

Mar. 27th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co

22nd do 83

$5,515.00
$5,081.27
$1,195 $2,188.55

L. Bamberger & Co
Clay

March 28 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting & Coinage from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Three Thousand (3000) Dollars in one cent nickel Copper Coins and Four Hundred & Thirty $\frac{18}{100}$ (430.18/100) Dollars in old Copper cents, in all $3,430.$$\frac{18}{100}$ as in the following authority viz;

Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1878

Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct. 29. 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11. 1875
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14. 1881
Do of Approval Treas. U.S.		Do 22 1881

S.K. Bonfield
acting Supt.

March 28th 75

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst enclosing draft for $50.00, has been received and a like amount in five cent pieces will be forwarded to M. Madden, Genesee Street Auburn, N. Y. at once, as requested.

Very respectfully

L. K. Swiftwick

Acting Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C

March 28 3

Sir

In compliance with your request, I send by Adams Express, C.O.D. the following,

14 Silver proof sets of 1883 @ $2.99	$41.86
10 Proof trade dollars	10.00
	$51.86

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Superintendent

Hon Thos C. Acton

Asst Treasurer U.S.

New York

28th March 3

Sir,

Your letter of the 24th inst. on relation to the mode of keeping the Cash accounts of this Mint, is received. Upon the return of the Superintendent from New Orleans, I will place it before him.

Meanwhile it seems proper that I should reply to your suggestion that the methods of keeping these accounts "must be defective" if the form furnished, No 222 cannot be accurately filled out from them.

You are no doubt aware of the fact that the custom has been at this Mint from the beginning to audit the total of

every gold Warrant or Certificate at the time of payment, duitly to the gold Coinage account, and the total of every Silver warrant to the Silver Coinage account, making no distinction between the kind of Coin whether gold, silver or mixed Coin paid on the face of the voucher until the close of the fiscal year when the gold and Silver Coinage accounts are adjusted to each other. The adjustment being based upon the actual Count of the Coin on hand, the correctness of the Count being established by a comparison of the total amount called for by the Balance sheet, including necessary payments of

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fractions in minor Coin

A form 222@ calls for a separate statement of Gold coin, Standard Silver dollars and subsidiary silver Coin, used and disbursed, you will readily see that the Bookkeeper cannot make from the entries on his books, which are taken from the same vouchers and in the same way as the Cashier adopts the detailed statement required in form 222a

If it is absolutely necessary that all gold coins, Standard Silver Dollars, and subsidiary Silver Coin must be accounted for in Kind, then of Course our system is not adapted to it, and a new

set of Books for the Cashiers use, should be provided, with Columns ruled, to suit receipts and payments in each kind of Coin, and a daily balance sheet to correspond. We should also have some specific instructions as to which of the accounts, Gold or Silver we should charge fractional payments in minor Coins, and also whether in paying sums in Silver under $1.00- what denomination of Coin must be used:

For example in a Certificate of Deposit- face to pay $1121.60 Gold
19.83 Standard dollars
2.68 Subsidiary
1144.11

"

on the gold would be due .10
Standard Dollar " " .53
Subsidiary " . .68.

Of Course .10 paid on Gold as gold would not be a fact. Being paid in silver it must be charged to Subsidiary Silver Coinage account, and here would be a divergence from the truth, because the certificate calls for gold.

Then, there is due in silver $1.57 — how shall this be charged, seeing that a portion of it must be paid in minor Coins?

Originally it was the practice in this Mint as elsewhere in the branches, to

pay all gold warrants in gold, even though there may have been silver parted from the deposit. Since it is a matter of "regulations" and not of statute law, why might not the object of the reports called for be attained, in some measure, by a return to the original practice alluded to? Practically all current funds are par with each other, and are so carried by the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer of the United States.

As the multiplication of accounts is always to be avoided when possible, because dangerous, it seems to me that the silver parted from gold should be paid for in gold, and the gold parted from silver should be paid for in silver.

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This would make every voucher plain and comprehensible to the men who will come after us

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L R Cowpenthwaite
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bernhard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 28th 83

Handy & Cromie

22? inst 83

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51.027. 45
$1.1039 56.329. 20

L R Compernhuaite
Acf

March 28th 3

1900 Handy & Connell $60.28

28th March 3

Sir

I herewith return the 25¢ piece, received in your letter of the 24th inst. The piece is genuine. The reduction in size is due to wear by circulation but the unusual weight is explained in the fact that it was cut from a strip not adjusted to the proper thickness.

Very respectfully

L. M. Thompson Stewart

Acting Superintendent

A. J. Hastings Esq
Act: Ass't Treas: U.S.
Boston
Mass.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

March 28th 1873.

Purchase for Lib & Dept.

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$1346.319.648 dec.

Finis

2000 —

L. R. Comfort Assist.
Cashier

March 30th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in 1¢ nickel Copper Coins, as per the following authority viz:

Letter Telegram	Director	April 24th 1873
Do	Do	Jany 28th 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct. 29th 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th 1875
Do	Do	May 29th 1878
Do with Inclosure	Do	Nov. 14th 1881
Do of Approval	Treas U.S.	" 22 1881

S K Cowperthwait
acting Supt.

30th March 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No 827 in duplicate, of gold bullion being Remittance No. 10 received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 24th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
J. C. Longstreet
Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C

30th March 3

Sir;

I have the honor to endorse memo. No. 529 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte S.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L R Boosefenthwait
Acting Superintendent

Hon A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

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29th March 50

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to have prepared and transmitted to this Mint a book of 250 leaves paged and lettered and bound as indicated on the sample sheet here with enclosed

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. R. Bonfenbrun &c
Acting Superintendent

Hon A. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

30th March 3

Sir;

Respectfully acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in reply to mine of the 28th I beg to call attention to a misapprehension on your part with regard to "adjustment" entries and "an adjustment account," mentioned in the second paragraph of your letter. No account of the kind specified in that paragraph, has ever been kept in this Mint, during my connection with it as Bookkeeper. You probably have in mind the Silver Profit Fund, which was credited quarterly with the gain on Silver-bullion only, as required by the Regulations of

1874, and properly discharged in the same quarter, with the excess gain thus credited in silver uncoined, in order to adjust that particular account.

The Cashier's Register of payments of warrants for gold deposits, similar to the one used in San Francisco" mentioned in your letter, has not yet come to hand, and therefore cannot be used to day.

Awaiting the proposed conference suggested in your closing paragraph

I am very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

C. R. Coopenthwaite

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

3/31 3

A. Loudon Snowden
St. James Hotel
Jacksonville Fla.

All doing well as usual.
nothing new to report.
Are happy to hear of your
improved health. Do not
hurry home.

L. R. Cowperthwaite
Adj Supt

Charge Govt
rate

Mint of the U. S.
March 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the following Coins reserved from the deliveries of the Coinage during the current month, for Special assay:

2 Standard dollars
30 Dimes

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. R. Cowperthwaite
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. D. Purchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

31st March 3

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the Quarterly reports of the Carriage executed at this Mint during the week and month ending this day.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Peter Lenhardt
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. C. Dennard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Statement
March 31st 3

31st March 3

Gold Coin	2,529,828.50
Silver Coin	2967,254,66
Currency	169,242,14
Minor Coins	4,442,90
" Redemption Fund	46,000.
" Minor Coin "	12,247,81
	5,717,616,011

S. R. Bonfus Chuaite
Asst

Philada
March 31st 3

31st March 3

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S. K. Comfort Chamb
Ag

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3/31

A. Lewis [redacted]

St [redacted] Hotel

Jacksonville Fla.

Will further advise Monday Asm.

J. R. Cowsanthwaite

Acg Supt

Change Govt Rate.

Nine hundred fifty eight thousand five hundred forty five (958.545) Silver.

One hundred fifty five thousand five hundred twenty eight (155.528) Minor. All right at your home this Asm.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

March 3/85

3/85

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L. E. Coffin Treasurer
Acg Superintendent

2nd April 3

Col. A. Lendrie Shreveport

St. James Hotel Jacksonville

Fla

Letter from New Orleans received. All well and happy here and at home this A.M. Director spent Saturday here and left gratified with results of visit.

S. Rhett Chrisfield

acting Superintendent

Gov. Yates

2nd April

Sir,

By instructions received from the Director of the Mint under dates of March 9th & March 31st 1853, the Contract with the Adams Express Company of July 1st 1849 for carrying Gold and Silver Coin and Bullion is amended as follows

For Gold Coin & Bullion, from 25/100 of a cent per mile per 1000 dollars to 17/100 of a cent

For Silver Coin & Bullion from 60/100 of a cent per mile per 1000 dollars to 40/100 of a cent

to take effect the first instant,

In examining and verifying bills of the Express Company for transportation of this class of precious metals you will govern yourself accordingly.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden Director

Mr Augustus T. Heath
Manager & Clerk
U.S. Mint
Philada

Mint Superintendent

2nd April 3

Sir,

I enclose herewith for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury original Certificate of Deposit No. 5708 for $4985.00, being the amount received for Internal Revenue for the 1st quarter 1883 and deposited this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Acting Superintendent

Hon H. C. Pinckard
Auditor of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dec 1st 3

Sir,

Remittance No. 11, of Bills Receivable from your office, has been received by this mail as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st ult.

Very respectfully

S R Cooperthwait

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

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2nd April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the oaths of office of the following ladies recently appointed adjuncts in the Coinage department of the Mint:-

Miss Matilda Pearl

Miss Anna F. Baker

Mrs Emma Sees

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

R. Snowden

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

2nd April 3

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a synopsis of the Engineers log of this Mint for the month ending 31st March, ult.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Corson
Acting Superintendent

Hon. R. M. Dunbar
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

2nd April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to state that in accordance with your letter of instructions of the 20th ultimo, I have this day shipped to the United States Agent at New Orleans the following Mail:-

12 Hundred Dollars Obverse Nos 95 to 106 inclusive

12 " " Reverse " 91 " 102 "

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

L R Constantine

Acting Superintendent

Hon A G Burleson

Comptr of the Mint

Washington

D.C

2nd April 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of one book Certif.s of Receipts, No. 180,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S R Cowperthwaite
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. G. Benhard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2nd April 3

Sir;

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of Ten thousand Dollars to be advanced me from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver dollars to meet the probable expenses at this Mint for that Coinage during the current month,

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

S. H. Longstreth

Acting Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

2nd April 3

Sir.

I have the honor to request, that you will cause the sum of $800 — to be advanced me from the Refinery appropriation, to meet the probable expenses on that account for the Current month

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L K Compernuate
Acting Superintendent

Hon. R. E. Denman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

2nd April 3

Sir

I have this day shipped to your Mint, in compliance with letter of instructions of the Director of the 21st ult., the following dies by Adams Express:

12 Standard Dollar, Obverse Nos 95 to 106 inclusive

12 " " Reverse " 91 " 102 "

Very respectfully

S. R. Cowperthwait

Acting Superintendent

A. M. Chrystal Esq

Superintendent U.S. Mint

New Orleans

La

April 2nd 83

Sir

Herewith I forward four (4) Vouchers for Marksmanship Medals Shipped from this Office on the 10th of January and the 5th of February 1883, with the request that you will have them signed and returned to me in order that I may be able to complete the Report of Medal Fund for the last Quarter.

Vouchers were forwarded at the time the Medals were Shipped but have never been returned.

Very respectfully

L. H. Campbell

Asst Supt

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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Director Mint
Washington D.C.
Please have draft sent
without delay. Must
have funds at enlist

L R Boutenskwait
Ag Supt

Charge Govt

Dan'l April 3

Sir,

The number of letters to be carried by your client during the current month, has been fixed by the Director at one million.

Very respectfully

L. H. Campbell

Deputy Superintendent

O. M. Patterson Esq

Wash'n

3rd April 3

Sir,

Please find a letter received this morning from the Superintendent of Carson City Mint, requesting me to purchase and forward to him 10 barrels of base and sand cast.

Please advise me whether I am authorized to comply with his request and return the letter with your reply.

Very respectfully

S. R. Comstock

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2nd April 3

Sir,

The number of Labour Workers to be raised by your Tribe during the Current Month has been fixed by the Commissioner at one families

Very respectfully

S. H. Compton Brownlee

Acting Superintendent

A. C. Booth Esq
Mt K

3rd April 3

Sir

I forward to day by Adams Express a box containing blank books which by your request are returned to your office.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S K Bousfield
Acting Superintendent

Asst A. G. Rowland
Quarter Master Genl
Washington
D.C.

3rd April 83

Sir,

In accordance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th. February I enclose herewith a statement of the number of pieces and value of the 1, 3, & 5 ~~issued~~ nickel-copper coins by Calendar years, from 1857 to 1882 inclusive; also the weight of pure nickel consumed in the same, and a statement of denominations, composition, weight, and size.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
L. R. Crossenthwaite
Assay Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linehard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

3rd. April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit State-
ment showing quantity of Bullion operat-
ed upon in the Refinery of the Mint during
February

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A R Conpenheimer
Acting Superintendent

Hon H. C Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

3rd April 3

Dear Mr Preston

I forward to day by Adams Express 5 dollars in 5¢ pieces as requested in your letter of yesterdays date

Very truly yours

L R Bowpattwaite

R. E. Preston Esq
Mint Bureau
Washington
D. C.

5th April 3

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official.

"Please have draft sent without delay: must have funds at earliest day.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. R. Cowperthwait
Acting Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2nd April 3

Sir:

In response to your telegram of this date, I herewith enclose my ordinary Standard Dollar and Refinery accounts for the month of February 1863

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. L. Comfort Thwaite
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Pendleton
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 4th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Three Thousand (3000,) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority Viz:

Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24/73
Do	Do.	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treas.		Oct 29 1874
Do	Director.	Dec. 11 1874
Do	Do	May 29. 1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov 14 1881
Do of Approval	Treas. U. S.	" 22 1881

S. R. Comfort Chief
acting Supt.

14th April 3

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Storekeeper's Ledger

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

S R Comstock

Acting Superintendent

Hon A. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

4th April 3

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd. inst., calling my attention to discrepancies in the Statement of old material sold during the last quarter, I have to inform you, that I have made enquiry of the clerk who made up the Statement and received the money, and he informs me that the errors "must have occurred in the pressure of business"

The Statement of 920 lbs of wrought iron at $24.00 a ton, should be $24.50, which would make the Amount $10.06 Correct.

I regret the errors and will endeavor to have them corrected

Very respectfully your obedient Servant

L R Coxe Superintendent

Acting Superintendent

Hon M. L. Bonham
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 4th 1873

Bureau of the U.S. Mint

$1,248,163.85

51.000

L.R. Browne Asst Supt

Asst Supt

April 5th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

29 Pine Nets 83

18.460.50
18.442.04
20.360.01

$1.104

L. R. Cowperthwait
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Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.
Sent twelve pair Stand-
ard Dollar Unc to
N. O. Tuesday
last. Do you still
wish four more pairs
Answer

L R Crawford Supt
Acf Supt

April 5th 3

1991 Boston & Colorado Smelting Co. 532014 16

S. R. Compton Steward
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April 5th 83

Leadville Colorado

Smelting Co.

29th Feb — 83

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#1106 53.014. 76

L. R. Bousfield
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Sir

In reply to your letter making enquiry as to the cause of the disappearance from the February Rolls of the name of John Wesley, I have to inform you that he was discharged from the Service of the Mint on June 31st.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Crosthwait
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

5th April 3

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 558 of Gold bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L.R. Comfort Burnett
Acting Superintendent

Hon A.E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

3rd April 3

Sir,

Remittance No 9 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st ultimo

Very respectfully

L R Cowenthwaite

Acting Superintendent

A. Silver Esq

Assayer in Chg U.S. Mint

Denver

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5th April 8

Sir,

Herewith I enclose Mem. No. 538, in duplicate of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 11, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 31st ulto.

Very respectfully
S. R. Bowers Asst Cash
Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

April 6.

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst, enclosing Transfer Check No 21349 for $500.00, has been received and a like amount in five cent pieces will be forwarded to you on the 7th inst.

Very respectfully

T. Bonfanthaler

Act. Superintendent

Hon

Treasurer U. S.

Washington

D. C.

April 6 1883

Sir

In return for the $5.00 draft in your letter of the 5th inst, I send herewith Five proof grania eagles of the coinage of 1883.

Very respectfully

A. M. Stewart Smith

Act' Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

April 6th 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for Melting & Recoinage from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority, Viz:

Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24th 1873
Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the	Treasury	Oct. 29. 1874
Do	Director	Dec 11 1875
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14 1881
Do & approval	Treas. U.S.	" 22 1881

L.L. Crounse Smith

acting Supt.

April 6th 3

1992	J. R. Colgate & Co.	62000/
1993	Handy & Conkle	39.000/

S. H. Crowfoot
Acy

6th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the following books:—

1 Reg. Gold Ingots & Clippings
1 Book of Gold Deposits for Refinery
1 " " Silver Purchases " "
2 " " Gold Deposits " Mint Dpt

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. H. Coopersmith
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

6th. April 83

Sir;

Enclosed please find D/D No 5709 for $1 2¢ being amount due on old material sold, during the first quarter 1883, and deposited this day, in correction of the error in the statement forwarded you 2nd inst.

Enclose also please find corrected statement, which substitute for that in your office,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6th April 1863

Sir;

In accordance with instructions contained in a telegram received from the Director on the 5th inst., you will please prepare and transmit to the United States Mint at New Orleans four pair dies for Standard Silver dollars, as soon as possible.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Acting Superintendent

Mr. O. E. Barber

Engraver

April 7th 83

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Fordsburg

5th inst. 83

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S. R. Confederation

Clay

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1994 Jas. Simpson and J. Sheldon 11.127.25
1995 J. & R. Colgate & Co. 7.362.99

Wm. Constable & Co

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Director of the Mint
Treasury Dept
Washington D.C.

Col. Snowden arrived
[illegible] morning.

L.R. Cowpenthwait
Acty. Supt

Chas Coot

3d April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S R Snowden Superintendent
Acting Superintendent

Hon N. C. Blanchard
Postmaster of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

9th April 3

Hon. A. Bullard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

I will be in Washington
to-day, by Limited Express.
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent Mint
Philad.

Gov. Ralston

9th April 3

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"I will be in Washington to day by the limited Express"

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Theodore Runyon
Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9th April 8

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst, I have to state that I can now receive for recoinage the uncurrent silver coins in possession of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States amounting to $12,765.

The uncurrent 3¢ and 5¢ pieces in the Redemption Fund at this Mint will be exchanged and received as desired

I am respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. R. Comfort Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. D. Purviance
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9th April 3

Sir,

Herewith I enclose memorandum No. 3377 in duplicate of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 9, received from your office as per letter of 4th inst and memorandum of 31st ultº

Very respectfully

S. H. Compton Thomas

Acting Superintendent

H. Silver Esq

Assayer in Charge U. S. Mint

Denver, Colo.

9th April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 577 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, Colo., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

L. R. Comparet

Acting Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

9th April

Sir

Remittance No 12 from Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 5th inst.

Very respectfully

S K Confrunthwait

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

9th April 3

Sir,

As our stock of nickel for the main Coinage is now reduced to a minimum, I beg to enclose form of advertisement for the purchase of 20,000 pounds, and have to respectfully request authority to publish it for five successive days in the "Press" and "Evening Telegraph" of this City

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. K. Cowperthwait
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

9th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Statements of Bullion operations in the Melting & Refiners Department of this Mint, during March ultmo. also "Silver Melting" during the same period

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Bonfenthaler
Superintendent

Hon. H. D. Purviance
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

9th April 3

Sir;

Will you please forward a supply of the new form of daily balance Sheet as early as possible

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. K. Cowperthwaite
Acting Superintendent

Hon A. C. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

129 Items
from the old
Book
(No 2)

THE UNITED STATES

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 9th 1863

7th

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L. R. Conyngham
Dy

April 10th 3

The Cashier

will please draw to
to Master of Refiner (for melting and
Recoinage) from the Mint Coin
Redemption Acct. a Three Thousand
($3000) Dollars in 10 mills Copper
Coins as per the following authority
Viz: Letter & Telegram Director April 24th 1893
Do Do Jany 23rd 1894
Do Secretary of the Treas, Oct. 29 1894
Do Director Dec. 11 1895
Do Do May 29 1878
Do with endorsement Nov. 14 1881
Do Treas. Dept approval " 22nd 1881

D. B. Bonfer Chief
Dep. Supt.

Apl 10th 3

1996 J & H. Shipman & Co. 51.488. 28
1997 Haney & Louis 41.129. 30

L. H. Worthington
Ag

10th April . 3

Sir;

I have this day shipped to your Mint the following dies, as directed by the letter of the Director of the 6th inst:-

4 Obverse Silver dollar No 111 to 114 inclusive

4 Reverse " " " 107 " 110 "

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Acting Superintendent

A. M. Smythe Esq
Sup: U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

10th April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Statement of Silver purchased here from March 16th to March 31st. ults

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L R Bowen Lieut
Acting Superintendent

Hon H. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

10th April 3

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day shipped to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at New Orleans, the following dies, as directed by your letter of 6th inst.,

1 Obverse Silver dollar, Nos. 111 to 114 inclusive
4 Reverse " " " " 107 " 110 "

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L R Cowperthwait
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. C. Buchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

10th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit No 5711 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $ [illegible] deposited on account of Assay fees

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Comfort Sweatt
Acting Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Apl. 10th 83

J. H. [redacted]

H. C.

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L. R. Bowen Thwaite
Agt

April 11 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Thirteen Hundred & Sixty Nine 85/100 (1369.85) Dollars in 5¢ nickel Copper Coins and Nine Hundred & Sixty 80/100 (960.80) Dollars in 3¢ nickel Copper Coins in all, $2,330.65 mutilated Ust before Melting 353 1/2. See Letter Director April 7. /83

Superintendent

April 11th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver

to the Melter & Refiner for melting and

Re-coinage from the Mint

Redemption Fund, Nine Hundred

(900.) Dollars in Old Copper coin

as per the following authority,

Sig.	Telegram	Director	April 24th 1874
	Do	Do	Jany 20th 1874
	Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29 1874
	Do	Director	Dec. 11 1875
	Do	Do	May 29 1878
	Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14 1879
	Do of approval	Treas. U.S.	" 22d 1880

Landon Ewer

Superintendent

11th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, the following Certificate of Deposit of the Asst. Treas. of the United States in this City.

No. 5712, for $150,000 deposited on account of Minor Coinage Proj.

No 5713 for $1170.00 " " "

of profits on Proof Coins & medals for the 1st quarter of 1883

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon H. J. Purchase

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

11th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo. No. 590 of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay Office, Charlotte N.C., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. M.C. Boutwell
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11th April 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No. 890 in duplicate, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No. 12, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 5th April inst.

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Adlai Hayes Esq.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Sir

On the 2d inst I sent you an envelope from (H) Medical Examiner's Office containing Medical Certificates of Invalidship for pensioners, with the request that your Bureau should return properly signed and attested by the officers who they have not been returned I have to request that they receive your early attention so that I may be able to forward the Statements of Pensioners Dated for the Quarter ending March 31st 1865

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

April 10th 83

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London Founders

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 11th 1873

Purchase from Stickney

1.274.641.27/3 dec

St Louis

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. H. Scott Stickney

Director of the Mint,

Washington D. C.

12th April 3

Hon A.M. Wyman

Treas: U.S. Washington D.C.

Order of 5th inst. filled to day with new issue. If you desire any of the old, can furnish you fifty or one hundred dollars [illegible] from a remnant left. Answer at once

Al London Jas wden

Supt Mint Philad.

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12th April 3

Sir,

I forward to day through the Depute Master General of this City, 10 barrels Saw dust to meet the requisition contained in your letter of yesterday date

Very respectfully

Superintendent

James Crawford Esq
Supt. U.S. Mint
Carson City
Nev.

12th April 3

Sir;

I forward to day through the Post Master General of this City, 10 barrels saw dust to meet the requisition contained in your letter of yesterday date.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

James Crawford Esq
Supt. U.S. Mint
Caven City
Geo.

12th April 8

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that in obedience to the instructions contained in your letter of the 7th inst. I have this day forwarded through the Quarter Master General of this City 10 barrels sawdust to the Superintendent of the U.S. Mint at Carson City, Nevada, I beg to enclose herewith bills in duplicate for the same, & 2 Mr's receipts

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Reuben Foster
Superintendent

Hon. N. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12th April 3

Sir;

I have to inform you that I am prepared to receive another transfer of Twenty thousand (20000) Dollars in Nickel Copper one cent pieces for recoinage into 3 & 5 ℔ pieces in accordance with the instructions of the Director of the Mint Nov. 14th 1881

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. A. U. Wyman
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D. C.

12th April 3

Sir;

The following telegram is hereby made official

"Order of 5th inst. filled to day with new issue. If you desire the old, can furnish you fifty or one hundred dollars, from a remnant left. Answer at once"

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lorenzo Crounse
Superintendent

Hon A. U. Wyman
Treas. United States
Washington
D.C.

12th April 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of packages of Silver - migot memo.ª (and) abstract - Clerks receipts for Silver bullion Deposits

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Bouchard
Secretary of the Mint
Washington
D.C

12th April 3

Sir;

I desire to ascertain through you, what was the character of the gold proof recently sent from the Mint at New Orleans to this Mint for examination as to whether it was of such a character, as to lead you to believe that it was sent from this Mint for assay in the Assay Department of this Mint.

You would further oblige by informing me whether from your records or to your knowledge any proof gold was exchanged through your office, either in the regular way, or through subordinates therein, with the New Orleans Mint during the period

in which Gov. Foote was the Superintendent.

Please consult Mr Patterson who at that time was in your Department as to his knowledge on the subj t.

Very respectfully your

Robert Maskell

Superintendent

Jacob R. Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer U.S. Mint
Phila

17th April 3

Sir;

I forward to day by Express 22 Copying books, received from the Stationery division on our requisition.

They are so defficient in quality that I cannot use them with any satisfaction and I beg that you will give me credit for them on my account for Stationary

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Louden Snowden
Asst

Hon'd. C. Bunkard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

13th April 9

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of one box, said to contain Assay Coins, received at your Mint, during the 1st. Quarter of the Current Year

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Robert M. Patterson
Superintendent

N. O. Smythe Esq.
Superintendent of the U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La

April 13th 1883

Sir

I herewith please find Statement of Medal Fund, with Vouchers, for the Quarter ending March 31. 1883, Showing a balance in favor of the account of $1.154.42.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

April 14th 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand. (2000.) Dollars in Nickel Coin as per the following authority Viz:

Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24th 1873
Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct. 29th 1874
Do	Director	Dec 11th 1875
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with enclosure		Nov. 14th 1881
Do of Approval	Director	" 22d 1881

Thomas Lindsey
Supt.

U. S. Mint
Philada. Ap. 14 3

March 31st

N. London Snowden
Supt.

April 18.

Sir

In return for the $2.50 forwarded
in your letter of the 12. inst, I send herewith
a proof quarter eagle of the coinage of 1862.

Yours respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 10 1863

Sir

Herewith I forward Coiner's Report of Medals and Proof Coins, Manufactured for the Quarter ending March 31st 1863, as follows;

No 1 Fine and Standard Gold and Silver used in Manufacture of Medals.

No 2 Copper used in Manufacture of Medals

No 3 Gold Proof Coins

No 4 Silver Do "

No 5 Gold Medals

No 6 Silver Do

No 7 Bronze Do

Also Superintendents Report of Medals and Proof Coins, Sold and on hand for Same Quarter as follows;

5. Gold Medals
1. Silver Do
6. Bronze Do
6. Gold Proof Coins
7. Silver Do .

Very respectfully
A. London Ferrier
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

14th April 3

Sir;

I have to announce that Miss Mary A. McKibbin having resigned her position as Adjuster in this Mint, her name will be dropped from the roll on and after 13th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

13th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit statement of Charges on bullion, received at this Mint during March ult.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

14th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose the Coiner's Report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day.

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

Copies No 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 7th of Feb, I have by Adams Express this morning forwarded to your address, Washington D.C. the following Ordnance Returns

1 to 2d
1 to 3d
1 to 1st Quarter
1 to 2d
1 to 3d
1 to Navy Department

Under separate cover I have also forwarded to your address according to Regulations

Also enclosed herewith please find Requisition for Ordnance Stores for the ensuing year

Very respectfully your obt servt

Genl S. V. Benet
Chief of Ordnance
Washington D.C

14th April 2

Sir

I forward to day by Adams Express a box containing my bullion accounts and vouchers for the 1st quarter of 1877

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A London Dunbar
Superintendent

R E Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

14th April 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst. I beg to inform you that the bronze Copies of the Army medals ordered on the 14th of February last, will be forwarded to day. The Cases for three medals have just been received

Very respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Brig. Gen. J. V. Benet,
Chief of Ordnance
Ordnance Office
Washington
D.C.

11th April 3

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a package of Abstract Clerks receipts for Gold Deposits

Very respectfully

A Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

14th April 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of one box said to Contain Assay Coin received at this mint during the 1st quarter of the Current year.

Very respectfully

A London Ferrell

Superintendent

E. J. Burton Esq

Superintendent U.S. Mint

San Francisco

Cal

14th April 3

Sir;

Remittance of Gold Bullion from your office - No. 13 - has been received by Express, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 12th inst.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Reuben Lindsley
Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

14th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following Statements:

Deposits & Purchases of Bullion at this Mint at this Mint during March ult.

Deposits of Domestic Production - of Gold & Silver during same period

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

Philadelphia
31st March 3

31st

March 8

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H. L. Cochrane

10th April 61

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificates of Deposit of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, as follows,

No. 57/14 for $897.27 deposited on account of Refining Charge

No 57/15 for $149.97 deposited on account of the three refining charges

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16th April 3

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 3 boxes said to contain assay coins from the delivery of your Mint, for the 1st quarter of the current year

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

James Crawford Esq
Superintendent U.S. Mint
Carson City,
Nev.

16th April 1883

Sir,

Our Registers of Official Correspondence – letters received and sent – are filled up, and as new ones are needed immediately, I respectfully ask permission to procure them here, which can be done without any inconvenient delay.

It was not known when the last semi-annual requisition for stationery was made that these Registers would be exhausted so soon, but the Correspondence, as you are aware has been voluminous

I will thank you for an

early reply

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Theodore Burroughs
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

16th April 3

Sir;

In compliance with instructions contained in your letter of the 7th inst., I have transferred for recoinage from the Mint Coinage Redemption Fund

In 3¢ uncurrent Coins		$1960.00
" 5¢ " "		1369.65
	Total	$ 3330.65

The net value of which is found to be in 37 pieces 2646.97

and involving a loss of $ 683.68

for which sum please have the Treasurer of the United States reïmbursed, and this Mint advised by that officer of

such action,

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
Linderman
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actng Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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10th April

Sir,

I beg to enclose herewith memorandum of the results of a Count of the proceeds of transfer order No. 11219, received from your office for recoinage.

The transfer order value was $2708.19

The amount as reported by
our counter is :-

in Mint Coins $2785.20

in Silver 10

together $2785.30

Showing a net shortage of $2.89
as compared with the face of the
transfer order.

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Before carrying this sum to your credit in your account, will you please advise me, as to how this difference is to be made up?

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Louden Snowden
Superintendent

Hon A. U. Wyman
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

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10th April 6

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will have printed for the use of this Mint 1000 form like the sample herein enclosed - as soon as possible

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Landon Ferrell
Superintendent

D. Kinton Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

16th April 3

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst, but regret that I cannot furnish you with the 84 (eighty) pieces of 1853 requested, for the reason that I have none but proof Coins on hand, and have no authority to restrike.

Enclosed I return you the amount sent

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 16th 3

Sir.

I have the honor to return herewith the letters of Prof. Eggleston, and beg to say, in relation to the use of a press for the compression of metals, that he had better secure the use of a hydraulic press which will give him the kind of pressure he desires, and an opportunity to examine the results at different stages of the pressure.

There is no old press in the Mint that could be used for this purpose, and the only press that could be of any service, is the screw-press used in making medals, and this is so much occupied that it would interfere very much with our work to surrender it for the proposed experiments.

The other request, for "facilities," seems so indefinite, that I am not able to say whether we can or can not furnish what he desires. If he will come to the Mint and indicate what he wants, I shall certainly be happy to render him any assistance in the work he has under consideration, that may be proper, with the time and material of the Mint.

I am Very Respectfully Yours.

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

R. E. Preston, Esq:
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

IN PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 16th 3

14th

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Sandford Conover

April 17th 1873

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 21st of March, I send by Adams Express the following Medals with a Case for each, viz;

10 Bronze First Prize Army Marksmanship
10 do Second Class " "
10 do Third " " "
10 do Army Department " "
10 do Second Class Prize Army Div " " and

under. Herewith duplicate receipted bills for the Medals, Cases and Express charges amounting to $60.50.

I also enclose duplicate Vouchers which please sign and return to this office.

Very respectfully Yours

S. Longacre Engraver

In Superintendence

Genl E. V. Benét
Chief of Ordnance
War Department
Washington D. C.

April 17th 3

To Cashier

Will please deliver to the Matter & Refiner (for melting and recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Three Thousand ($3000.) Dollars in 1¢ Nickel Copper Coins as in the following authority (viz): Letter & Telegram Director April 24. 1873

Do Do Jany 28th 1874

Do Secretary of the Treas. Oct. 29 1874

Do Director Dec. 11 1875

Do Do May 29 1878

Do with enclosure Do Nov. 14. 1881

Do of approval Treasurer " 22d 1881

A. London Snowden
Superintendent

17th April 9

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of package of Statements of receipts, payments, &c No. 231.

Very respectfully
your obedient Servant
Landon Ludlow
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 17th 3

2000 J. H. Schumann & Co 5% 3 yr. 77
2001 Handy & Lewis 47.000.—

A. London Snowden
Acting Secretary

Apl 17th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co.

12th inst 83

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London Counties

Apl. 17th 83

J & W. Seligman & Co

12th mch 83

26.343. 20
26.321. 60
F 1060 29.111. 62

Apl. 17th 83

J & W. Seligman & Co.

5th mil 83

21.228
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A. Loudon Snowden

Apl 18-3 88

Handy & Company

5% cent 88

100.56 8. 25
100. 29 8. 65
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A. Loudenburger

April 17th 3.

Sir.

As requested by the Director, I have caused to be prepared designs for the proposed silver coinage of the Hawaiian Government.

It will be impossible to place, as indicated in one of the drafts, a full or three-quarter-face likeness of the King, as it would render the work too deep on the dies, and be unsatisfactory in all respects. The universal custom is to place a profile likeness on medals and coins, and on the latter it is absolutely necessary, on account of the low relief required on such dies. I would therefore recommend that a sharp profile likeness of the King be secured at as early a day as possible, so that when the preliminaries are decided upon, there

will be no delay in securing that which is essential to the commencement of the work.

Around the head of the King there should be the inscription "Kalakaua II, King of Hawaii," with the date of the coinage on the lower edge of the piece. The head of the King can either be in classical style, or with the military coat, as in the photograph now in the possession of the Director of the Mint. As this point must be determined by the King, or his representative, I have thought it unnecessary to complete the drawing for the obverse of the coin, which is herewith enclosed marked "A."

For the reverse of the coins, I enclose three designs, numbered respectively 1, 2, and 3,

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No. 1 is the Coat of Arms of Hawaii complete, with mantle and standards, the only difference being, that the motto "Ua mau Ka ea o Ka aina iKa pono" is placed over instead of on the lower portion of the shield as in the drawing sent. This is rendered necessary from the fact that to place the letters on the shield with due proportion in size would make them entirely too small to be perceived by the naked eye, which is desirable, and indeed required under instructions received. Below the shield is the denomination of the coin in the Hawaiian language, and on the left of the shield is "100," and on the right is "cts." for cents, in English.

I understand that it is desired that the denomination of the coinage shall be

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indicated in both languages. This design would make a very rich and beautiful coin, but I fear would be too elaborate for reduction to the size of a half-dollar, and certainly would not be distinct enough if reduced to the diameter of the proposed quarter-dollar or dime.

No. 2 is the shield and crown of the coat-of-arms, with the mantle and standards omitted, and has substituted for "100" and "cts." —as in the design No. 1,— a "1 D" on the left and right of the shield. This is following the design of the old 5 franc piece of France and Belgium, which had the numeral 5 and letter "F" to left and right of the coat-of-arms to indicate the denomination of the piece.

The character of the design of the reverse

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in both sketches, Nos 1 and 2, renders it impossible to give full expression to the denomination of the coin in English. If either of these designs are adopted, abbreviations, as before indicated, or something similar, will have to be accepted.

No. 3 dispenses with the coat-of-arms entirely, except the crown and the motto. This design with laurel-leaf, crown and motto, affords opportunity to give the value of the coin in two languages in full. My opinion of the three designs for the reverse of the coins may be briefly given thus:- No. 1 is only applicable for the dollar, and is a very rich, elaborate and beautiful design. I can see no objection to taking it for the dollar, and adopting either No. 2 or 3

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for the half, quarter, and dime. The full coat-of-arms with standard and mantle has been used by many of the nations of Europe, among them may be named England, France, Denmark, many of the German States, Spain, &c.

Design No. 2, which omits standard and mantle, is very beautiful, and could be used for all coins, except perhaps the dime.

No. 3 is graceful and appropriate, giving the crown and the motto from the coat-of-arms and the laurel-wreath, indicative of royalty and power, and also affords an opportunity for a full expression of the value of the coins in both languages, which is a point worthy of careful consideration.

If the selection of the device rested with

me, I think I should take No. 1 for the dollar, No. 2 for the half, and No. 3 for the quarter and dime.

The great pressure upon this Mint for the manufacture of dies necessary for the coinage of the several Mints, as well as other dies that are necessary in the medal system, renders it impossible to execute the hubs necessary for this coinage within any reasonable period. The preparation of eight hubs, from which to produce working dies, will consume a great amount of time, more than can be spared from our legitimate work.

We have executed here within the past year, in addition to coin dies and hubs, eighteen dies for Army-Marksmanship Medals, and now have in course of preparation eight dies for Life Saving medals and riders, ordered by the Treasury

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Department. These will take several months to complete. In addition we have the Indian Peace medal -- part of our regular medal series -- incomplete; and other medal dies that have given out, must be replaced; so that it will be impossible for us to do the work within the Mints time.

I have consulted with the Engraver and his assistant, and they agree to complete such hubs as may be required for this coinage, after their duties end here, and at a cost not exceeding what the Government would be required to charge if the expense for making the same was imposed thereon. The dies could be struck up and finished in the Governments time, so that in point of fact it could be said -- as it is considered important -- that the dies were made by our Government.

As I understand that the diameters of the coins are to conform to our own pieces of a similar denomination, there would be no necessity for preparing extra punches and collars.

If it is your desire I will consult with the Engraver, and inform you of the probable cost of completing the eight hubs, or master dies required for this coinage. And as it will require many months to complete the hubs, no delay should be had in arriving at a conclusion in the matter.

If there is any other information I can impart, or assistance render, please command me,

And believe me to be

Very Respectfully Yours.

S. Loudon Mordecai

" Superintendent

R. E. Preston, Esq:
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Note:- Letter in file with the papers left by the Director.

18th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that I have increased the wages of Alvin M. S. Brinkle, Assistant in the Assayers Department of this Mint, from $2 00 to $3 50 per diem to take effect on the 1st prox? and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 18th 3

Sir

Having received the resignation of Mr Homer L. Pond, Assistant in the Assessor's Department of this Mint, his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 20th inst.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Supt

A. E. Paxton Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

18th April 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., informing me that in making the adjustment between the appropriations made under joint resolutions of Congress of June 30.1 1812 for salaries and wages for the support of this Mint for the Current fiscal year some errors had occurred, and requesting me to ascertain whether the amounts stated in your letter of Dec.r 9th would be sufficient for the salaries of the Mint for that period, I respectfully submit the following statement, i.e.,

Amount appropriated as stated in Department letter Jan. 9. 1883 } $ 40907.33

Amount paid from July 1. 1882 to March 31st. 1883 ..... } 30447.53

Amount available for April May & June 1883 ..... $ 10459.80

Amount payable for same period 10387.50

Excess ..... $ 72.30

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18th April 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst., enclosing check on Assistant Treasurer for $2.99cc to cover the shortage on transfer order No. 11219, being mint coins forwarded to this Mint, by the Assistant Treasurer in this City for percentage.

In reply to your request to forward you the bags containing the specimen coins, I regret that our Counter did not keep them apart, and we are not able to produce them, but I forward to day by registered mail the Counterfeit and Specimen pieces as scheduled on the

Report sent you with my letter of the 16th. inst.

Very respectfully yours
your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

Hon A. U. Wyman
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D.C.

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18th April 30

Sir: I return herewith form No 111 announcing the receipt of the Official oath of Mary B. Cunningham, Adjuster. This is evidently intended for some other Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
London Roberts
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

15th April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of packages of Bullion Statement sheets and Assayers Reports &c.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Landon Rowland
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

18th April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit statement of Silver purchased at this Mint from April 2nd to April 15th inst.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant

A. London Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Actg Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 18th 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 1,230,049.09 ounces, against 1,230,049.09 ounces reported on the 15th inst.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. London Runotta

Superintendent.

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

April 18th 3

Sir

In return for the $2.50 in your letter of the 17th inst, I send herewith a half dollar of each of the following years, viz 1879-80-81-82 and 1883 as requested.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Linderman
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 19th 3

2002 Handy & Sons 23.180. 88

St Louis Smelter

19th April 3

Sir;

You are hereby directed to coin at as early a period as possible day 10 or 15000 dollars in dimes for the Treasurer

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

C. E. Pleasonton Esq
Coiner

19th April 1852

Sir;

Remittance No. 14 of Gold Bullion from your Office, has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of April 16th.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

Colonel J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C

19th April 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. I have to inform you that there will be a delivery of $15000 in dimes on Monday next

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
[signature]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

19th April 3

Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst., in reply to mine of the 16th, in relation to the loss of $683 65, resulting from the recoinage of 3 and 5 cent pieces, in which you state, that these coins should be converted into coins of the same denomination, I beg to state, - that as the Coinage of the 3¢ piece was interdicted by order of the Director of the Mint under date of Aug 25th 1881; and further as your letter of Nov. 20th 1882, directed that the "uncurrent minor coins now held by the various offices of the Treasury" were to be coined into a like amount "of 1 and 5 cent pieces", I was

unable to find authority to convert the
Coins to which reference is made into
3 cent pieces.

It would appear from the foregoing
that to carry out the instructions contained
in your letter of the 19th would require
me to coin 3 cent pieces. Will you be kind
enough to give me your views on this point,
and I shall be glad to follow any in-
structions received

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

19th April 63

Sir,

I enclose herewith gold memorandum 192 showing the net proceeds of $35 000 - in Gold Coin, received from the Treasurer of the United States, March 21. 1863

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Louis Rowles
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 626, of Gold Bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Assay office, at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th April 3

Sir;

I have to inform you that Transfer letters in the Series Numbered 3926 and 3927 for National Silver Coins, reach us this morning, numbered 3926 and 3927

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Superintendent

Hon. A. W. Wyman
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

19th April 3

Sir;

Will you please forward to this Mint as early as possible a further supply of books, entitled Register of Deposits of Gold Bullion at the Mint of U.S. Philadelphia" - form No. 188a, as the Stock on hand is only sufficient for the present quarter

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th April 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of package containing "Assayers reports of fine gold bars" form No 70

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Landon Lowrie
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

20th April 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo: No 626 in duplicate of Gold bullion being for remittance No. 13, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 12th inst.

Very respectfully

R. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles. Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

20th April 3

Sir;

The attention of the undersigned having being directed to the fact that certain employes engaged upon clerical and kindred work, are in the habit of going out of the building during the hours of business without permission, it is directed, that in future all such persons not under the Control of operative officers must obtain from the Superintendent or his Chief Clerk permission for any absence that may be required and a record of the same will be kept.

Where two or more persons are employed in the same room, one must

remain at all times

Any violation of this rule will be promptly dealt with

You are expected to see that the instructions contained herein are carried out, so far as the persons in your employ are concerned

Very respectfully

London Trowbridge

Superintendent

R. P. Jones Esq

Abstract Clerk

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21st April 3

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 20th inst, I have to say, the specie Coin received on Transfer Order No. 11219 dated April 3rd 1883 and said to be $2788.19 counted as follows:

Good Coin but unfit for circulation	$2785.20
Counterfeit	2.11
Silver	10
	$2797.40
Short	79
	$2788.19

The $2.89 Counterfeit and Short was made good by Check of Treasurer of the U.S. The Silver not since exchanged (

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for mint coin: thus making up the
Count claimed.

The Counterfeits were returned

Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Servt.
A. Loudenslager
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21st April 63

Sir;

I forward to day by registered mail Register of gold and Silver deposits & Silver purchases, for the first quarter of the Current year, 1863

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21st April 3

Sir;

The engraver of the Mint to whom I referred your letter of the 19th ult. in relation to the cost of preparing 8 dies for the Hawaiian Government, submits the following as the probable cost:-

Obverse, with the head of King Kª for all the dies, and reverse designs numbers 1, 2, & 3 as indicated in my letter of the 18th, complete, $2000.00

The same device for the obverse, & Nos. 2 & 3, or Number 3 alone, for the reverse $800.00

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
London Ormsby
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21st April 3

Sir,

I return herewith the Gold Certificate No. 1606 with the endorsements made to conform to the request in your letter of the 20th April:

Also Gold Certificate No. 1799 properly filled up, and a Power of Attorney from Snyder, Harris, Bassett, & Co, authorizing Mr Snyder, who is a member of the firm to sign for Silver Certificate No 636

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

April 21st 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Mint Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand (2000.) Dollars in 10 Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority viz Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1873

Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct. 29 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11 1875
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14 1881
Do of approval	Treas-U.S.	" 22d 1881

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

21st April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C

April 21st 3

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst, enclosing Sampson check for $100.00, has been received and a like amount in five cent pieces will be forwarded to Messrs H. A. Burgwin & Co, Henderson, Vance Co, N. C, as requested.

Very respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon A. U. Wyman
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C

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Reuben Lourdes

23rd April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that under the provisions of Sections 3709 & 3710, Revised Statutes - and in accordance with public advertisements - proposals for supplying this Mint with 20,000 lbs. more or less of Commercially pure nickel, were invited, and the bid of Mr Joseph M Harton, at $1.03 per pound, was opened at the time named therein, and in the presence of the bidder and the operating officers - and being the only bid received - was accepted, and is hereby submitted for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Attested
Jas. E. Booth Asst. A.M.C.
Asst

23rd April 9

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., enclosing

600 Sand pots
4 doz Battersea pots size 1.
4 " " " " 4,
250 pair Tin Tells
1 box Assayers lead
12 doz Matthesses
6 " Annealing Cupes

to be purchased and forwarded to the Mint of the United States at Denver.

Your instructions will be complied with.

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lunder Bowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

23rd April 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No. 657 in duplicate of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 14 received from your Office as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 16th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esqr
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

23rd. April 3

Sir;

The 10 days having expired, in which Messrs Handy & Cromie were allowed to deliver their Silver Bold on the 12th. - amounting to 130.000 ounces - I have to inform you that there is still 63.000 ounces due

Please advise me what action to take in the matter

I am respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Alexander Chorpenning
Superintendent

N. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

93rd April 3

Dear Sir,

In my Conversation with you at New Orleans, did I understand you to say that the opportunity for examining and commenting on the Registers book as to losses resulting from melting - was denied. This is my remembrance of your statement. The rule here is that the Melter & Refiner examine the Register's book at the end of each week and make comments thereon as to the character of the bullion and as to whether the losses have been readenable or not;

And further, if at any time during the week deposits are of a questionable character, he has to be consulted as to the mode

of melting &c.

There is another point, I should like to ask you about, that is whether Dr Albrecht pointed out to you, the discrepancy between his assays and the assays of your Coin at the Bureau, showing that the uniform run at the Bureau was below your fineness — and if he did, whether you informed him that it resulted from the charge for silver,

Trusting that you will give me an immediate reply

I am respectfully yours

A. Louis Heermann

Dr. M. F. Pompon
Meller & Refiner
Mint of New Orleans La

23rd. April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose Memorandum No 659 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the U.S. Assay Office at Charlotte, N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R.E. Preston Esq
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23rd April 3

Sir;

You would oblige me by furnishing me with the assay of the samples of gold taken from the delivery of the New Orleans Mint, of Jan'y 14th 1882

Very respectfully

Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

23rd April 63

Sir;

I beg to enclose herewith memorandum, showing the gross value, net value, and loss on $10.000 in subsidiary coin received from the Assistant Treasurer at Boston on Transfer Order No. 11237

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Thomas Sherlock
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

23rd April 63

Sir;

As the balance of the appropriation for wages for this Mint for the current fiscal year will be sufficient to meet our expenses on that account for the months of April, May, & June, without resorting to the Standard Dollar appropriation, I have to request that you will make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of $10.000 additional payable from the appropriation for wages, Ordinary Fund, and have the draft forwarded on or before Friday next to enable me to pay our wages for the current month

therefrom, the balance here being insufficient

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

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UNITED STATES

MINT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 23d 1873.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Coinage executed at this Mint during the month of March last was as follows:

Gold Coin	$2,806,316.00
Silver Coin	26,654,411.76
Minor Coin	11,434,166.37
Bullion	765,633.93
	$34,736,526.86

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington, D. C.

April 23d 3

Sir

Your letter of the 21st enclosing draft for $ 61.20 in payment of bill for Army Marksmanship Medals, Case and Express charges, has been received.

I have to request that you will have the four (4) Vouchers for these Medals properly signed and returned to this Office.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Superintendent

E. M. Lawton Esq
Disbursing Clerk, War Department
Washington
D. C

April 24th 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Coinage, from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Three Thousand ($3000.) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority

Viz: Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24 1873
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Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29 1874
Do Director Dec 11 1875
Do Do May 29 1878
Do with enclosure Nov 14 1881
Do of approval Treasury " 22d 1881

Superintendent

25th April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's Reports of Silver workings in his department for the months of March and April 1883

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25th April 3

Sir;

I have to respectfully call your attention to the fact that the mutilated Coin in the hands of the Assistant Treasurer of this City amounting to $12765__ and of which I wrote you on the 9th inst. – has not yet been transferred to this Mint for recoinage:

I would also advise you that no reply has been received to my letter of the 19th inst., asking for instructions as to whether I shall proceed to coin 3¢ pieces,

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. Eckerton Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25th April 3

Sir,

Will you have the kindness to forward the bid of Joseph Wharton for nickel submitted to you with my letter of the 23rd inst, and which were not returned with your letter of approval.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

25th April 3

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of your favor of the 24th. inst. making request for a set of Metric coin for Mr A.W. Steadman, Chief Engineer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Mauch Chunk, and in reply have to say that there is no opportunity of serving you in this direction, except I give you a set of coin of my own of which I have duplicates. This I will do with great pleasure.

The intrinsic value of the set is $6.10. I will either permit the coin to you or directly to Mr Steadman at Mauch Chunk whichever will meet your pleasure.

Very respectfully
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon: R. A. Elmer
2nd: Asst. P.M. General
Washington
D.C.

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Sir

Your letter of the 24. inst, enclosing Transfer Check No 21396 for $60.00, has been received and the Mint coins as ordered, to that amount, will be forwarded to J. H. Paris, Cash. Citizens Bank, Attica Ind.

Yours Very respectfully

Superintendent

To the
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

April 25th 1876.

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the Mint of Philadelphia this day to be

Fine 1,187,521,623 dec

ounces, together with gross

ounces unassayed

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Gordon Sproule

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

26th. April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed John T. Webster, a laborer in the General Department of the Mint at a compensation of $ 2.75 per diem to take effect upon confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

26th April 3

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of package of Silver deposit memorandums.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. London Brenton
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

26th April 3

Sir;

In Conformity with the provisions of Section 3514 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Comm herein endorsed, I have appointed the following:-

William Patton, an Annealer, at a compensation of $3.00 per diem, vice Michael Bradley resigned

Rebecca A. Meats, an Adjuster at a compensation of $1.75 per diem, vice Mary L. McKibbin resigned (1)

Anna Zellers, also, an Adjuster at a Compensation of $1.75 per diem -

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The appointments to take effect on confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
M. Leonard Thruston
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Robert Handy

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia
April 12th 1883.

Sir:

In conformity with the instructions contained in your letter of March 12th, I proceeded to the Mint at New Orleans, and made a thorough examination into the facts and circumstances connected with the making of the Coin "of January 14th 1882," one specimen of which was found by the Assay Commission to contain but 898.95 of gold, being seven one hundreds of one thousandths below the limit, and deficient in fineness."

I examined the Assayer and Melter & Refiner separately, taking a statement from each, and subsequently in conjunction. I also examined the work books, also examined into the processes pursued by both officers in making up the melts, and in ascertaining the fineness of deposits and ingots.

The course pursued by the Melter & Refiner in combining deposits received, with fine gold and copper in making

of his ingot melts, is the same as that pursued in this Mint, and manifests skill and care. Each of the gold deposits received is numbered, and the weight and fineness recorded, the assay fineness of the aggregate is obtained, and either copper or fine gold is added to reduce or raise the fineness to about standard. When melted into ingots and ready for delivery, through the Superintendent to the Coiner, slips or samples from the first and last ingot in each melt are taken, and delivered to the Assayer. If each of the assays, corrected by the proof-assays, proves the ingots to be within the legal tolerance and regulations, the melts are passed by the Assayer, and are delivered by the Melter & Refiner for conversion into coin.

I examined carefully into the method of assay, and found that it conformed generally to that pursued in this Mint, with the exception, that we use Johnson & Matthey's platinum apparatus for the nitric acid process. The glass flask and matrass used at New Orleans, are still employed here at times, and were formerly the only appliances used. For detailed statement of Dr. Loscombe's mode of assay, see statement marked C.

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Having carefully examined into the methods pursued in making up melts of gold ingots, and the assay of the same, I then directed my attention to the facts in connection with the make up and assay of the ingots from which the Eagle of January 14th 1882 was coined. I found from the work books of the Melter & Refiner, that a melt of 34 ingots was prepared, and slips taken by the Assayer on the 4th day of January; and from the work-book of the Assayer I found that slips from two of the ingots Nos 1 and 34 were assayed with the following results:- No. 1 assayed 901, No. 34 assayed 900. As the last ingot showed 14 parts of silver, viz. the ingots were remelted with some medals, &c, and 40 ingots reported to the Assayer on the 6th of January, two days later. The result of the Assay of ingots No. 1 and 40 was as follows:- No. 1 assayed 900, No. 40 900. It will be noted that the assay of these ingots made them standard, and above, with the proof used.

I ascertained from the books of the Melter and Refiner, the make up of the melt, viz. the different

deposits, &c. &c. which composed it, and am thoroughly satisfied that no piece of coin from that melt could have run below 899.5, and should not have run below standard, except for defective proof gold, which I will take up and discuss in its proper place.

I append herewith a statement marked "B." giving the "make up" of the melt from which the Eagle of January 14th was coined. Having after careful and thorough examination satisfied myself as to the composition and assay of the gold ingots from which the coins delivered January 14th 1882 to the Superintendent were made, and failing to see any ground for the belief that they were not within the legal tolerance, I directed my attention to an examination of the make up and assay of the other deliveries of ingots during the year, and particularly of the melts from which the delivery of November 22d was made; Devoral. coins from which, assayed at the Bureau, were found to be below the legal tolerance in fineness 998.4

I found from the work-book of the Melter and Refiner that on the 4th of October 1882, the Assayer was notified that a melt of gold, numbering [illegible] ingots, were ready for assay. On the following day an assay

was made of the 1st and 39th ingots of the melt. The first ingot assayed 899 gold, and 10 parts silver, and the 39th assayed 899.5 gold, and 11 parts silver. From the statement of both Drs. Albrecht and Bonzano I learned that the Assayer orally reported to the Melter and Refiner that the first ingot was "sharp on the largest tolerance" and questioned the propriety of passing the melt. At the request of the Melter and Refiner, the Assayer took three ingots, Nos 2, 33, and 38, and assayed them with the following results:-

No. 2 Assayed in Gold 899.3, silver 10 parts.
" 33 " " " 899.3, " " "
" 38 " " " 900. " " "

As there was a grain of sand found in the cornet, the assay of No. 38 was rejected. The two ingots Nos 2 and 33 assaying 899.3 and the 39 ingot 899.5, the melt was passed, after rejecting ingots Nos 1 and 39, which were remelted and became part of melt No. except Nos 1 and 39, the coin resulting therefrom not being delivered until 1888, the assay of which was 899.5 and

900, silver 9. The practice of rejecting certain ingots in a melt, and passing others, many of which have not been assayed, is never practiced in this Mint, and should be prohibited in all the Mints.

It will thus be seen that each of the ingots as were assayed of the melt from which the coin of Nov. 22d were made and delivered, were in fineness within the legal tolerance, and in conformity with instructions on this point. In this connection I enclose statement marked "C," giving the make up of the melt which goes to prove the accuracy of the assays, under the conditions which governed all the work of the Assay Department at that Mint.

And here I come to speak of that which in my judgment is the cause of all the trouble in the matter of the assays at that Mint, to wit: the use of proof gold, from 3 to 5 ten-thousandths below absolute purity. On this point Dr. Albrecht says that he made some fine gold in 1879, which he used, and subsequently presented a piece of it to a young man in the Assay Department of the Philadelphia Mint (in a private way) to have tested. The report was that the proof gold was not pure. The

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Assayer claims that he handed to the late Gov. Foote, Superintendent of that Mint, his defective proof, with the request that it be forwarded to Philadelphia for exchange for attested proof: that he then left the Mint, on a visit to Honduras for twenty one days, and on his return went on seeing the proof, supposing that it had been exchanged.

There is no written evidence on this point, nor can it be substantiated by Gov. Foote, who is now deceased, and reels entirely, so far as I am aware, on the statement of Dr. Albrecht. One thing is certain, established by the records of the Treasury Office in this Mint, and by the testimony of all the persons employed therein who would have knowledge of the matter, that no exchange of proof coin was made with this Mint, and no proof gold sent to New Orleans at the time named by Dr. Albrecht, or since.

The defective character of the proof gold used at New Orleans is established by the test mades of the same at the Bureau in Washington, and subse-

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quently at this Mint. Both assays prove it to be from 3 to 5 ten-thousandths below purity.

The Assayer admits that he noticed as a uniform rule that the assays of individual coins at the Mint Bureau made the fineness from 3 to 6 ten thousandths below his assay, but was told by Dr. Boncano, Meller and Refiner, that this discrepancy arose from surcharge of silver. Without going further, he accepted this as the real cause of the discrepancy, and continued to use the defective proof.

The conclusions arrived at may be summed up briefly as follows:

1st. The coin reported by the Assay Commission as "deficient in fineness," was not of the delivery of June 14th 1882, but of Nov. 22d 1882. It is clear to my mind from all the facts in the case, that in the re-assay of New Orleans gold which took place at this Mint at the last annual assay, a November coin, by some oversight, was substituted for those delivered January 14th. The make up of the melts and assay of the same at New Orleans, and the critical assay tests of single pieces from both these made at the

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Mint Bureau, make it impossible, in my judgment, for any coin in the January delivery to fall below the legal tolerance.

2nd. That the proof gold cent by the Assayer is below purity by from 3 to 5 ten thousandths.

3rd. That the Assayer was made aware that his proof gold was defective as far back as 1870, and that he took no proper steps to correct the same or ascertain whether an exchange for good proof had taken place during his absence in Honduras, when a single inquiry of his Assistant or the late Superintendent, would have settled the question.

4th. That if the Assayer had exercised proper care and oversight of his work, he would have discovered that the proof in use was the same he made, and which had been pronounced defective. Among the incidents and facts that should have early directed his attention to this point, may be named the following:

— New proof from the Mint at Philadelphia, which he had formerly used, would probably be very unlike

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in appearance the proof which he made.

— We should have noticed that foreign and American coin, assayed by him ran uniformly high; — one assay of American coin as high as 902. A careful examination here proves that his assays of coins run uniformly from 3 to 5 ten thousandths high.

— Further, the fact that the assays of New Orleans coin by the Mint Bureau ran uniformly below his own, and when his attention was directed to this fact, as he admits it was, he should not have been satisfied by the intimation that it was caused by the surcharge of silver, but should have immediately written to the Bureau, and thoroughly investigated all the facts in the case, which course would have discovered the bad quality of his proof gold.

5th. It was a clear duty devolving solely upon the Assayer to see that his proof had a title established by thorough trial against known proofs, before it was used. This proper precaution would have prevented the errors in assay into which he has fallen.

6th. The evils resulting from this want of care on the part of the Assayer, are first, that all the

deposit received were reported by the Assayer at above their true fineness, entailing a loss on the Government. But much more serious than this is the discredit that has been brought upon our coinage by the issue of coins below the legal standards.

I believe Dr. Albrecht to be a capable Assayer, and an honest man, but in reference to the matter under consideration, he has certainly manifested a great want of that prudent care and watchfulness which should characterize the action of an officer charged with so delicate and important a trust.

Before concluding, I beg to call your attention to the wide divergence from the standard fineness noted in some of the melts under consideration. It is true the law allows a deviation of one (1) thousandth and the regulations recommend that no melts be passed that come closer than three (3) ten-thousandths of the same, nevertheless, our experience here teaches the danger of bordering on the extremes of tolerance which should be regarded only as a refuge from the

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accident of error or inaccuracy of metallurgy.

To pass a melt that varies from 7 to 8 from the standard, is unsafe, when all the appliances are approved by long years of use, and under the highest skill and most conscientious care. The effort with us in this Mint is to strike standard, and it is very rare for a deviation of 3 ten-thousandths either way, to be allowed. Taking advantage of the tolerance, or remedy for gain, as is habitually done by some nations, is not creditable.

I cannot close this report without an expression of the regret I feel that the facts in the case force the conclusion I have arrived at in relation to the neglect of the Assayer in using proof gold unsuited for the delicate manipulation required of him. The maintenance however of the high character which the coinage of the United States has had for nearly a century, is of vastly more importance than any personal consideration that might arise to influence my action or warp my judgment.

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All the facilities that were at the disposal of the Office were freely extended, so that my examination was made easy and pleasant by the kindness and frankness manifested on all sides.

All of which I have the honor to submit, and to remain

Your Obedient Servant

London Purdie

Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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The following is the method of Assaying Gold Ingots in the New Orleans Mint, to wit:

1000 Mo (gold weight) exactly weighed are enquarted with 2700 Mo " " Silver, and enveloped in 10000 Mo " " of pure lead; this is carefully compelled, the button laminated out to the length of three inches, or three inches and a half, annealed, carefully rolled up, so that the walls dont touch one another; then introduced into long necked boiling flasks and 30 grammes of nitric acid of 22° B° strength added and boiled 8 or 10 minutes, after which the solution of silver is poured off, and 30 gro nitric acid of 32° B° added, boiled 10 minutes, the acid is then poured off again, and 30 gro. acid of 36 or 38° B° added and again boiled during 10 minutes. The cornet is then washed repeatedly with hot water, and finally annealed in a flag crucible, and then weighed and title corrected with a proof. The proof for ingots is made as follows:

900 M proof gold 100 copper, 2700 silver 10.000 lead, the process the same as above described.

If the proof gains, the gain (excess of 900) is

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Gold Melt No II Eagle Ingots. Oct 4th 1882.

1b	Ingots remelted	69437	901	695141	10.	6.97
1c	Clippings	122700	900	1227000	10	12.27
1c	Toppings	5657	900	56570	10	.56
1c	Button	232	900	2320	10	.02
B	1 Bar fine gold	30617	996.5	338595	3	1 —
E	1 " " "	18635	999.8	206890	0	00
	Copper	5413 9				
		2526919	900.	2526919	82.	20.81

Delivered Oct. 6.

37	Ingots	232490
2	" retained	12735
	Toppings	6582
	King	860
	Appt loss	249
		2526919

Report Oct. 6th
899.3. Silver 10.

deducted from the actual weight of the ingot cornet, if it loses it is added. Always 2 cornets are made from each ingot under investigation, also 2 proofs, so as to control as much as is possible the correctness of the assays.

B"

Gold Melt. No. III. Eagle Ingots. Jan. 3rd 1882.

21.	Medals						
28	Sovereigns.	Engl.		1046	934	1085577	.07
31	do.	Span.		608	916½	619114	.22
40	do.	Engl.		4136	901	4140650	.24
38	Mixed for. and Am. coins			5823	916½	5929879	.42
41	French coins			1546	888	1525471	.11
46	Am. coin			3039	900	3039033	.09
49	Engl. Sovereigns			1300	899	1248610	.13
50	Am. coin.			2548	916½	2594775	.13
54	Engl. Sovereigns			1965	899	1962816	.32
88	Bars & King Utah			381	916	387814	.04
91	Pesos		3	6002	967	3868212	5.50
98	German Marks			4617	874½	448620	
99	do	do		2555	900½	255646	.15
100	Mixed foreign coins			10366	899½	1036020	
	Clippings			2015	900½	201619	.20
	Toppings			84290	900	8429000	
	do			6863	900	686300	
	do			6370	900	637000	
H	2 Bars fine gold			39138	997	4335620	
A	Cond.ᵒ Ingots remelted			30875	900	3087500	5.68
				245483		25243850	13.00
		Copper		69555			
				2524385			

Jan. 7.	40 Ingots	2.434.70
	Toppings	78.80
	King. grains & filings	9.75
	Appt. loss.	1.135
		2.524.385

Report January 6th

900. 0
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900. 3
900. 3 Silver 10.
900. 15

Bureau Report

898.9. Silver 3.

April 27th 3

2008 Handy & Connie 29.857. 95

April 27th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co

19th inst 83

22.810. 10
22.772. 76
1.105 25.164. 12

April 27th 83

J. H. Seligman & Co

19th inst 83

25.518.50
25.472.28
#1045 28.157.00

April 27 83

Jos W. Seligman

H.

26th inst. 23

24775.50
24760.23
27.531.02

#1903

April 27th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand (2000.) Dollars in 1¢ Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority —

Viz: Letter & Telegram of Director April 24th 1873

Do Do Jany 25th 1874

Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29. 1874

Do Director Dec. 11 1875

Do Do May 29. 1878

Do with Enclosure Do Nov. 14th 1881

Do of Approval Treasurer U.S. " 24th "

Superintendent

Personal

27th April 3

My dear Preston

Will you be kind enough to let me know when you expect the Director to return?

Very truly yours

27th April 3

Dear Sir;

In compliance with the suggestion contained in your letter of the 26th inst. I have pleasure in sending by Express a set of the Metric Coins, which I trust will reach you, in good order

I am respectfully

Your obedient servant

Hon R. A. Elmer

2nd Ass't P.M. General

Washington

D.C.

Superintendent

27th April 3

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 25th inst. I beg to express regret that I put you to the necessity of writing in regard to the non-enclosed bid of Joseph Wharton for nickel.

It was an oversight on the part of the clerk who wrote the letter, and who neglected to enclose it

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Actng Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

April 28th 3

2007 4th Nat Bk. Nfk 60.510.

28th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit Collier's report of the Coinage Executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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Acty Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Seligman & Co desire Eleven
thousand (11000) ounces Silver
over amt of Sale at one
ten thirty five - Shall
I receive it at that rate.

A. Loudon Snowden
Supt

April 30th 3

The Cashier will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for Melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coins and Five Hundred (500) Dollars in old Copper cents, as per the following authority viz: Letter & Telegram of Director April 23d 1873

Do	Do	June 23d 1874
Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11 1878
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14 1881
Do of Approval	Treas U.S.	" 22d 1881

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

30th April 3

Sir;

As Joseph Souder [redacted] on the Night Watch has been incapacitated for discharging his duties owing to rheumatism contracted whilst performing them, I beg to say that he will be excused from duty on the Night Watch and be assigned to other work until otherwise ordered

Very respectfully

London Borough

Superintendent

Capt Banks
Night Watch

30th April 3

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the Coiner's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the month ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

30th April 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of a packages containing Bank monthly Statements of balances

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

30th April 8

Sir;

Your services will be dispensed with in this Mint after date

Very respectfully

A. London Snowden

Superintendent

Mr. A. F. Kirk

Warrant Clerk

30th April 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following Coins reserved for Special Assay from the April deliveries in this Mint:

8 Standard Dollars
10 Dimes
1 Half Eagle

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30th April 3

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3507 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that I have appointed Julian M. Elliott, Warrant Clerk, in the General Department of the Mint at a salary of $1700 per annum — vice A. J. Kerk removed — to take effect on confirmation

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Philadelphia
April 30 3

30th April 3

2,796,935,50

3,532,786,88
170,829,00
1 173.00

6,501,724,98
6,530,549,76

Treasurer

April 30th 3

30th

34.618.480.97

2.796.936.50
26.696.111.26
4.487.603.02
637.831.19
34.618.480.97

A. Londoner Saunders
Jr

571 3

Alexander Martin
Melter & Refiner
Mint U.S. San Francisco, Cal.

When can you send me the gold dust. Very important to have it here early -

A. London Snowden
Supt. Mint

Charge Govt

May 1st 1883

Sir

In return for the $6.83 draft in your letter of the 30th of April, I send by registered mail, 2 Silver proof sets of 1883 and 5 five cent pieces of each design of 1883.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

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Acting Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Please describe gold Bullion
sent yesterday, more fully -

A. Loudon Snowden
Dy. Dirt Supt

17 May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will cause the sum of $800 to be advanced me from the Refinery appropriation, to meet the probable expenses on that account for the current month

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Reuel Brooks
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of package containing statements of silver purchases made &

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

30th April 3

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day, is hereby made official:-

"Seligman & Co deliver Eleven thousand (11.000) ounces silver ove amount of sale at one ten thirty five - Shall I receive it at that rate"

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Lorain Morden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of John F. Webster, lately appointed Laborer, in the General Department of the Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
R. London Mercer
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Actg Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st May 3

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

"Please describe gold bullion sent yesterday more fully"

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

1st May 3

Sir;

You will please strike without delay 3000 dollars in one Dollar Gold pieces

Very respectfully

A. London Ashmead
Superintendent

O. C. Bostyshell
Coiner

May 1st 83

Boston Colorado

Smelting Co.

19 Pounds 98

54.93a 50

54.760. 22

1 pkg 60.510. 22

Loudon Lumber Co

May 12th 3

2010	J. H. Seligman & Co	27,005.62
2011	Handy & Lewis	49.000.—

A. London Secretary

2nd. May 3

R. E. Preston Esq
Act'g Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Please have no delay in
Confirming Elliott as I must
have his services

A. Loudon Snowden
Sup. U.S. Mint
Philad

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May 2d 3

Sec. Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (on melting & recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand (2000) Dollars in one cent Nickel Copper Coins. as, for the following authority,

Viz: Letter & Telegram of Director of Mint Oct. 24 1873

Do	Do	Jany 28th 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct 29 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11 1875
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with increase	Do	Nov. 14 1881
Do of approval Treas U. S.		" 14 1881

Superintendent

2nd May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Statement of Mint Coinage operations here, during April, ultmo.,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
R. O'Brien Snowden
Superintendent

A. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1st May 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday with Check for $30.00 for one dollar gold pieces of this year's coinage

We have none on hand, but I will order a limited number to be Coined and will as soon as they are ready fill your order

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Chas. Leavens Pearson
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2nd May 9

Sir;

I have to inform you that the stock of 1 cent Nickel copper pieces of 1857-64 transferred from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City to this Mint for recoinage into 3¢ pieces, April 16th ulto. is now reduced to $7800.

Will you please order a further transfer of that coin to be made as early as possible, with the view of Continuing the Coinage of the 3¢ pieces therefrom without interruption or delay

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. A.U. Hyman
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D.C.

2nd. May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit State-ment of Gold workings in the Coiners De-partment of this Mint, for the periods there-in mentioned,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Landon Ramsey
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Actng Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 2d

2013 Hawley & Lewis 5.378 45

A. Gordon Brindley

May 2P 83

Handy & Cromwell

April 19th 83

50.879. 80
50.749. 89
56.073. 42
$1.1049

Handy & Cromwell

May 2d 83

J. H. Seligman

H C

26th ult 83

26.617.00
26.581.29
1.1035 29.332.45

St Louis Southern

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

May 2d 1883.

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate
amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close
of business this day to be 1.226.211.886 dec.
Fine ounces, together with 1,600 gross
ounces consigned

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Louis Eyster
Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

May 4th 3

2014	Handy & Co.	23.210 51
2015	J. W. Seligman & Co.	50.492. 32
2016	U.S. Nat. Bk. N.Y. for a/c. J. Hann Hamil Trust.	67.251. 81

L. R. Courtenay Kenyon
Esq

May 4th 83

J. & W. Seligman

& Co.

April 30th 83

	9.552.80
	9.538.47
1.10	10.1192.32

L. H. Bonfort Treas'r
Atty

May 4th 83

Boulder Colorado

Smelting Co. Argo Co.
20 Tons ores 83

61.030. 50
60.914. 12
6%.20 1. 81

$1005

S. K. Crawford Treasurer
Arg.

3rd May 3

Sir;

Will you have the kindness to have made for this Mint as soon as practicable 3 books ruled and bound as per description in the sample sheet entered herewith, and with the same headings and of the sizes there mentioned

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A.R. Boileau
Acg. Superintendent

R.E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14th May 3

Sir,

Remittance No. 15 of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 30th April, ult.

I am respectfully

J. R. Cowperthwaite

Acting Superintendent

Colonel J. Cowles Esq

U.S. Assayer

Charlotte

N.C.

4th May 9

Sir;

I forward to day by Registered Mail, fifty dollars in one dollar gold pieces of the Coinage of the Current year 1853 - as requested in your letter of 30th. ultmo:

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. Eckfeldt
Acting Superintendent

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 4th 1882

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Treasurer & Register for melting & Recoinage from the Trimer Coin Redemption Fund, Two Thousand (2000.) Dollars in 14 metal Cobber Coins as per the following authority

1875 Letter Telegram Director April 24th 1875
Do Do Jany 23d 1879
Secretary of the Treasury Oct 27 1874
Do Director Dec 11 1875
Do Do May 29 1878
Do with Enclosure Do Nov 14 1881
Do of approval Do " 22d 1881

L E Boyden Superintendent

Superintendent

3rd May 3

Sir,

The number of Standard Silver Dollars to be coined by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Director at one million

Very respectfully

L. H. Cooperthwait

Acting Superintendent

A. B. Dobyshell Esq

Comptroller

3rd May 3

Sir;

The number of Standard Silver dollars to be coined by this Mint during the current month has been fixed by the Acting Director at One million

Very respectfully
S. Rhoads Fesenmaith
Acting Superintendent

J. L. Booth Esq
Mint

4th May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the following:-

Statement of Bullion operated on, in the Refinery of this Mint, during March:

Bullion operation during April: (do)

Silver Melting during same month

Very respectfully

Your obedient servant

L. R. Cowperthwait

Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

May 5th 3

2017 J. H. Seligman & Co. 5266. 86

A. Louchheimer

3rd May 53

Dear Sir;

I write to express my thanks for the interest you took in procuring the gold dust, and to say that after much difficulty we procured some of it here, so that you need take no further trouble in the matter,

Very truly Yours

Alexander Martin Esq
M.I.R. U.S. Mail
San Francisco
Cal

5th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the following oaths of office:
William Patton, recently appointed Laborer in the General Department &
Anna B Zeller, recently appointed Assistant in the Patent Department

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Treasurer of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sir,

I forward to day's by Adams Express $381 77 being the net value of your deposit as per your letter of the 30th ulto.

Enclosed please find memorandum of the same

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

3rd May 3

Sir;

Remittance of gold bullion No. 10, from your Mint has been received by Express, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 30th ult.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

H. Silver Esq
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo

3rd May 3

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your polite favor of late date, for which please accept my thanks.

There is one point of error you have fallen into in relation to the matter of surcharge of silver in gold assays.

A few years since the Assay Department endeavored to prove by experiment and otherwise to you that there was no fixed surcharge and deduction therefor at this Mint, and that there should not be at any other.

The ratio between the loss in gold and gain in silver is variable. For this

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reason every assay, must be corrected by a proof of Kerron fineness, and this correction will either be a deduction or an addition.

I think it is proper to give you this statement in view of your letter to me

Very truly Yours

S. Preston Brooks

Dr. M. F. Bonzano
M. & R. United States Mint
New Orleans
La

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Mint May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
R. Loudon Preston
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5th May 3

Sir;

I beg to inform you that I have increased the pay of Miss Susan Dallas employed in the Cabinet of this Mint, from $1.75 to $2.00 per diem, to take effect from the 15th inst. and respectfully submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
[signature]
Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

3rd May 3

Sir;

I am informed by the Treasurer of the United States that there are no more one cent nikel Copper Coins in the Assistant Treasurer's Office in this City.

If there is any Considerable amount of these coins stored in any other assistant Treasuries, I would suggest that they be transferred with as little delay as possible to this Mint for coinage into 5 Cent pieces, our stock of the former being reduced to about $5000 00

The demand for the 5¢ pieces continues and if there are no more one cent nikel Copper coins, I shall have to Commence

O

the Coinage of the 3 ¢ piece from Nickel and Copper prepared.

Requesting your early attention

I am very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq

Acting Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

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7th May 38

Sir;

Remittance No. 16, of Gold Bullion from your office, has been received by Express, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 5th Inst.

Very respectfully

L.H. Broadnax

acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

7th May 8

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memorandum No: 782, in duplicate, of gold bullion being for remittance No: 18 received from your office, per letter & advice and memorandum of the 28th April.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L. R. Beauchamp
Superintendent

Calvin J. Cowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

7th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memo: No. 752 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Assay office at Charlotte to be transferred to the Bullion fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Bonfenbeck
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

3rd May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose State-
ment of Silver purchased at this Mint for
the 16th. to the 30th. april ultio.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L R Crosfield Superintendent
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esqr
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

7th May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Julian M. Elliot, recently appointed Warrant Clerk in the General Department of the Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. R. Crosthwait
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

7th May 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst. I have to say that the Express receipts therein referred to were forwarded with the original packages to the department

If they cannot be found please advise me and I will forward duplicates

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. H. Crossenthwait
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

7th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a package containing memoranda of Gold Bullion deposited

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L R Cooperthwait
Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

May 7th 6.

54

34,531.333.67

2707.316.50
26702.630.26
11.315.702.42
712.2154.41
34.531.333.57

L R Crosthwaite
Cashier

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

May 8th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Two Thousand (2000.) Dollars in 1¢ Nickel Copper Coins as per the following authority viz:

Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24th	1873
Do	"	Jany 23d	1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct 29.	1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11.	1875
Do	Do	May 29.	1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14th	1881
Do of Approval Secy U.S.		" 22d	1881

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

8th May 3

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your polite communication of the 4th inst. enclosing a letter from Edward A Campbell, in relation to the appointment of his son to a place in the Army department of this city.

In reply I beg to say that upon your recommendation I promoted Mr. Brink to the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr Pound. I am at present not in need of any further assistance in this department.

With sentiments of regard and esteem

I am very truly yours

A Lincoln

Hon. B. H. Brewster
Atty. Gen. United States
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

5th May 3

Sir;

I beg to enclose herewith a form for a book to be used in checking the shipments of Coin from this Mint by the Express Company; also,

A form for a book to be used by the Book keeper for recording the receipts and payments of Gold & Silver Coins passing through the hands of the Cashier,

As it is desireable that these books should be had for use with as little delay as possible, I have to request that you authorise me to have them manufactured in this City.

Respectfully

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9th May 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Memo. No. 767, in duplicate, of Gold Bullion being for remittance No. 16, received from your office as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 5th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Fowler Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

9th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No. 767 of Gold bullion, being for remittance from the United States Assay Office, at Charlotte, N.C., to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

8th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 7th inst., requesting that the Mint at Carson City be furnished Standard Gauges for the measurement of the height of the piles of twenty pieces of Double Eagles, Eagles, Half Eagles &c

Your request will be complied with at once.

Whilst this subject is under discussion, I desire to direct your attention to what seems to be a matter of some importance, to wit, that there should be absolute uniformity in the diameter

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and thickness of the Coins of the different Mints as well as in their fineness and weight.

To arrive at satisfactory conclusions on this point, it seems to me that the Coinage of the different Mints should be made to conform to the standard gauges, used in this the parent Mint.

A tests of Double Eagles from the Mint of San Francisco, shows them to be of greater diameter than those Coined in this Mint, which is caused by the use of larger Collars than those used in this Mint.

I throw out the suggestion as to

whether it would not be advisable to have the several denominations of Coins issued by the Mints forwarded to this Mint for examination and comparison with our standard gauges so as to establish a uniformity in the diameter of all the Coins issued by the Mints

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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May 9th 3

2018	Stanley & Smith	25.920 67
2019	J & W. Seligman & Co.	38.360. 32

A. London Secretary

May 9th 93

J. H. Seligman

No. _____

3 Cr. mail 93

25279.70
25.247.20
27.860.95

F. 1035

May 9th 83

Handy & Connell

26th ult 83

50. 402. 45
50. 290. 44
#1035 55. 495. 50

L. Sanderlin

May 9th 83

J. H. Seligman

[illegible]

[illegible] 83

50.65 11
50.65 12
55.66 22

[illegible] 1.10.3

A. Louis Thomas

The Mint of the United States,

at

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

May 9th 1883.

Sir:

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be 1,203,962.976 fine ounces, together with [illegible] gross ounces unassayed.

Very Respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint,

Washington, D. C.

Philada
May. 10th 3

April 30th nets.

S. Lawrence Saunders
Supt.

May 10th 3

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 7th inst, I submit the facts in connection with the case of the National Exchange Bank, of Newport, Rhode Island.

Mr. Fairman Rogers, a gentleman who on several occasions has been designated as an Assay Commissioner by the President, called and desired me to forward to the Nat. Exchange Bank of Newport, R. I., as a personal favor to him, $500 in quarter dollars, and $150 in minor coins. I informed him that there was no way of forwarding the silver, freight prepaid, except on a transfer letter from the Treasurer

of the United States, but as a personal obligement to him, I would instruct the Cashier to exchange $500 in silver for that amount in gold coin, which was done.

The shipment by the Express Co. was not on Government account, indeed, under the circumstances, could not be; and I informed Mr. Rogers to that effect.

In regard to the minor coin shipment, the Express charge was paid by the Mint, and the only fact in this connection that is worth noting is, that instead of the Exchange Bank waiting for two weeks, in regular order, to receive the coins, they were shipped at once out of personal regard for Mr. Rogers, and

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to oblige the Bank. I am informed that the Express Company's regular charge for sending the silver should have been $2.25 instead of $1.75

There is nothing "wrong about this" which "needs explanation." The transaction was in all respects regular and proper, except that I went out of the usual order to oblige the Bank on the solicitation of a worthy gentleman. This is another instance where an officer in endeavoring to oblige, finds in the end that he has been "casting pearls &c &c &c."

I return herewith the papers as well as notice for the issue of "Standard Silver Dollars, and fractional coins" which

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it would be perhaps well to forward to the Exchange Bank.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Copy.

The National Exchange Bank
Newport, R. I. May 2d 1883.

Hon. Sec. of Treasury U.S.
Washington D.C. Dear Sir: A few days since I received from the Mint at Philadelphia,

One Bag of ¼ said to be $500.
One " " 50¢ " " 100
One " " 1¢ " " 50 – $650, total

per Adams Express Co. and charges we had to pay $1.75. Will you please inform me why this charge? I have been trying to get silver quarters for more than a year and failed to accomplish it although I have sent a Certificate of Deposit for the coins ordered to you and to the Mint at Phila, without success. At last I got my personal friend in Phila, Fairman Rogers, Esq: who owns a residence here which he occupies in summer, to draw the Bills from his Bank in Phila, and deposit at the Mint, and order the above coin for this Bank! He wrote me that he had put my order on file and the coins would be sent me at once. Now they have been received, with the charge of $1.75, when all the circulars I have received from you and the Mint

for the last two years I think, have reported in favor of free transportation. Now there is something wrong about this, which I should like to have explained.

Very Respectfully

L. H. Pattison, Surveyor.

10th May 3

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memorandum No: 759 of Gold Bullion being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

10th May 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose memo: No: 459 - in duplicate - of Gold Bullion, being for remittance No: 10, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 30th April ultimo.

Very respectfully

S. Reed Chambers
Superintendent

H. Silver Esqr
Assayer in Chg: U.S. Mint
Denver
Colo:

May 11th 3

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 9th inst, I send by Adams Express, C.O.D. 150 proof 5¢ pieces of the latest issue $7.50

Very respectfully

L.R. Comstock

Acg Superintendent

Hon Thos C. Acton

Asst Treasurer U.S.

New York

11th May 3

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. I beg to enclose herewith duplicate receipts of the Express Company for medals sent to you for delivery to the Navy Department

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant,

L. Chingwalt

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Bunkard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

10th May

Sir,

I have to inform you that Jno S. Mercy, a night watchman, in this institution having resigned his position, I have accepted the same, and his name will be dropped from the rolls on and after to day

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Acting

Hon M. C. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

10th May 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing your resignation as watchman of this Mint, which I accept, to take effect to day, the 10th inst—

I regret to learn of the severe illness of your wife which is the cause of this action on your part, and wish to express my appreciation of your fidelity in the discharge of your duty during your connection with this institution.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Wm Chas S. Morey
La Porte
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11th May 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to inform you that the dies for the gold medal and attachments, will be finished in 2 weeks.

The others are not yet commenced, but the work will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible and as soon as I can ascertain about the time they will be completed I will advise you

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

L. R. Boyd Superintendent

Acting

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

May 11th 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Nineteen Hundred & Seventy $\frac{93}{100}$ ($1970.93) Dollars in 1¢ nickel Copper cents, as per the following authority Viz:

Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24th	1873
Do	Do	Jany 23d	1874
Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29th	1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th	1875
Do	Do	May 29th	1878
Do with enclosure	Do	Nov. 14th	1881
Do of Approval	Treas. U.S.	" 22d	1881

L. R. Bowers Cashier

A. L. Superintendent

May 11th 93

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11th May 3

Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 10th inst. I have instructed the Cashier not to include the balance belonging to the ordinary account with the monies belonging to the Mint Coinage account in his daily Statement of Cash balances, form 231

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Cowperthwait
Actg Superintendent

Hon H. C. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11th May 83

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit by this days mail the Ordinary, Standard Silver Dollar, and Refinery Expense accounts of this Mint for the month of March 1883

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. R. Comstock
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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12th May 3

Sir

I beg to hand you herewith a statement showing the denominations and kinds of Coin composing the $63416.00 in minor coins, as stated on the Cashier's balance sheet for May 10th inst., as requested in your letter of yesterday.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. Loudon Ramsay
Superintendent

Hon. H. L. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12th May 68

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day — the 12th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H.C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 14th 3

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May 14th 3

Sir

Your letter of the 12th inst, enclosing Transfer Check No 21432 for $1500.00, has been received and a like amount in fine and one cent pieces will be forwarded to your office on the 15th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

Superintendent

Hon A. U. Hyman

Treasurer U.S.

Washington

D. C.

14th May 63

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the following Statements:
of Deposits & Purchases of Bullion at this Mint during April 1863 and
of Bullion of Domestic production deposited at this Mint during the same month.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon A. G. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

14th May 3

Sir;

In conformity with the instructions contained in your letter of the 7th inst. I have the honor to inform you that I have this day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at Carson City, 3 standard guages for measurement in piles of 20 pieces each, of the following denominations of gold coins namely:-

Double Eagles
Eagles and
Half Eagles,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon R. E. Bernhard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14th May 3

Sir;

In compliance with instructions received from the Director of the Mint under date of the 7th inst., I forward to your address by Registered Mail, this day 3 standard gauges for the measurement in files of 20 pieces each of the following denominations of Gold Coins namely;

Double Eagles
Eagles
Half Eagles

Very respectfully
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

James Crawford Esq
Supt. Carson City Mint
Carson City
Nev.

14th May 3

Sir;

In conformity with the views heretofore expressed by you that all supplies for the Mint, should be obtained from the lowest bidder, I recently purchased from Nathan Trotter & Co, of this City, 20.000 lbs of Copper for alloying silver, at 16¢ per lb., Pope, Colet & Co's bid being 17¼ ¢. The Melter & Refiner advises me this morning that after a thorough trial of this Copper, he finds that it is not of a quality adapted to our purpose.

We have also on hand some 1400 a 500 lbs of an inferior Copper purchased some years back in the same way and which

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cannot be utilized.

If we invite proposals for this article by public advertisement we should encounter a great risk of being imposed upon by accepting the lowest bid.

As we are again in need of a further supply of the best Commercial Copper, I present these facts for your consideration and to request your opinion as to whether, in the bids to be made, we shall accept the bid of Trotter or any other firm, should such bid be the lowest, as against Pope, Cole, & Co. of Baltimore, who have invariably supplied us with

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the best Copper at the lowest market rate for that article.

I have reason to believe that the last copper purchased from Messrs Trotter & Co is a low grade of copper purchased by them from Pope, Cole, & Co.

If this inference is true it is certain that Messrs Trotter & Co, cannot purchase Copper from Messrs Pope, Cole & Co and sell it to the Mint at a less rate than Messrs Pope Cole & Co can furnish the same article. I shall be guided entirely by your views on the subject.

Very respectfully
your obedient servant
London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H. C. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
AT
PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

May 14th 1873.

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Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. Lucius E. Boucher
Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

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May 15th 3

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May 7th 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, One hundred & ninety one 64/100 (191.64) Dollars in 1¢ Bronze Coin, Fourteen hundred & Nineteen 02/100 (1419.02) Dollars in 2¢ Bronze Coin, One hundred & thirty four 85/100 (134.85) Dollars in 3¢ Nickle, & Eight hundred & fifty one 85/100 (851.85) Dollars in 5¢ pieces in all $2597.36 on the following authority viz: Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24th 1873

Do Do. Jany 23d 1874

Do Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29th 1874

Do Director Dec. 11 1875

Do Do May 29th 1878

Do with inclosure Do Nov 14th 1881

Do of approval Treas. U.S. " 22d 1881

S.R. Bonnyman Jr.
Ag. Superintendent

Philadelphia
30th April 3

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16th May 3

Sir;

Remittance No 17, of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 14th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Calvin J. Rowles Esqr
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

May 16th 83

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May 16th 3

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A. London Lowndes

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

AT

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

May 16th 1883.

Sir

I have the honor to report the approximate amount of Silver Bullion on hand at the close of business this day to be

Pounds fine 1.137.136.815 dwts

68.211. " gross

Very Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. Horatio C. Burchard,

Director of the Mint.

Washington, D. C.

16th May 3

My dear Sir;

In reply to yours of the 15th inst. I have to state that the dies for the Coinage of Hawaii, are not yet prepared, nor am I yet informed whether they will be executed at this Mint or not.

I had the devices, inscriptions &c sketched and forwarded for approval, and have not heard anything from them since.

If it is in my power to serve you I shall be glad to do so

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Hon. Thomas C. Acton
Asst. Treas. United States
New York
City

May 16th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & recoinage) from the Minor Coin Exchange of Eight Thousand and Seventy $\frac{10}{100}$ ($8070.\frac{10}{100}$) Dollars in 5 cent nickel Coins. as per Authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter of 15th May 1883.

S. Loudon Snowden
Supt

17th May 6

Sir;

Will you please forward to this Mint as soon as possible, say 80 pay-rolls, form* 5,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Louis Landes
Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

17th May 3

Sir;

In response to your letter of the 15th inst., I enclose 2 blank forms of advertisements for supplies for this Mint for the Fiscal year ending June 30th 1884;

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. F. Dimond
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 17th 3

Sir,

I have to inform you of the death of Edw: B. Green a Helper in the Melting & Refining Department of this Mint, which took place at an early hour yesterday morning.

His name will therefore be struck off from the Rolls as the 1st inst.

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Louis A. Brandau

Asst

Hon H. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

17th May 3

Sir;

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. enclosing a half ounce of gold dust, in response to my telegram of 1st inst.

I enclose herewith # 9 32/100 (which I forward by Registered Mail) being the Assay value of the same, and beg to thank you for your Kindness in obtaining this dust for me, and also for your trouble in the matter,

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Alexander Martin Esqr
Melter & Refiner U.S. Mint
San Francisco
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17th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit "Silver Workings - Coiner's Department" for the month of April ult.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. Louis Crounse
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

May 17th 3.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 16th inst, referring to the item of $597,780.61 reported in my statement of the 14th inst., as the value of Silver in the Bullion Fund on the 12th inst, and suggesting that the same may be a mistake, I have to inform you that I have examined the statement, and find it to be correct.

The sum of 1.203.962 fine ounces Silver on hand on the 9th inst, includes the $597,780.61, carried in the Bullion Fund at its cost; the difference between these two amounts being Bullion available for coinage into Dollars, and due as Silver Profits.

Very Respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent.

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

17th May 3

Sir;

Enclosed I hand you statement showing the tale value, net value, and loss by recoinage of uncurrent silver coins received at this Mint from the various Assistant Treasuries of the United States.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. A. J. Dunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 16th. 3

Statement.

From whom.	No. S.C.	Silver value	Mint value.	Loss.
Asst Treas. N.Y.	11249	6.000.00	5.656.63	343.37
" " Baltimore	11250	1.543.77	1.437.81	105.96
" " N.Y.	11253	2.000.00	1.955.99	44.01
" " Boston	11256	4.956.00	4.696.24	259.76
" " St. Louis	11257	1.365.00	1.300.39	64.61
" " Cincinnati	11259	990.00	922 33	67.67
" " N.Y.	11274	8.000.00	7.518 76	481.24
" " Boston	11275	10.000.00	9.635.32	364.68
		34.854.77	33.123.47	1.731.30

May 17th 3

2024	J & W. Sedgwick & Co	56.182 27
2025	Handy & Smith	13.002 95

St Louis Thursday

May 18th 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund, Ten Thousand one hundred & forty (10.140.) Dollars in 5¢ Nickel Coins. as per the following authority Viz.

Letter & Telegram	Director	April 24th 1873
Do	Do	Jany 23d 1874
Do	Secretary of the Treasury	Oct. 29th 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11th 1875
Do	Do	May 29th 1878
Do with Enclosure	Do	Nov. 14th 1881
Do of Attorney Gen. U. S.		" 22d 1881
Do	Director	May 15th 1883

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

18th May 3

Sir;

Remittance No 18, of Gold Bullion from your office has been received by Express, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 15th inst.

I am respectfully
Your Obt Servt
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Supt
Superintendent

Calvin Jones Esqr
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

18th May 3

Sir;

Remittance No. 11, of Gold Bullion from your office, has been received by Express as per letter of advice and memorandum of 12th inst.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
Superintendent

A. Silva Esqr
Assayer in Charge U.S. Mint
Denver
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18th May 8

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit a Statement of Silver purchased at this Mint from May 1st to 15th inst.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. S. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

18th May 3

My dear Mr Buchanan

Your letter introducing the Hon: Dudley Koppel, Chargé d'Affaires and Consul General to Denmark for Colombia, was presented by that gentleman, and all the courtesies in our power were extended to him.

He expressed himself as very much gratified with his visit.

I am very truly yours

Lewis Cass

May 17th 3

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of Sec: 3504 R.S. I respectfully recommend the appointment of Henry F. Nelson at present a Night Watchman in this Mint to be a helper in the Melting & Refining department at a Compensation of $290 per annum, the vacancy to take effect upon confirmation, vice Silas C. Green deceased & respectfully submit the same for your approval

I am

Very Respectfully

L. Loudon Snowden

Supt

Hon. H.C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

May 17th 3

Sir;

In accordance with the provision of Rev 3004 R.S. I have appointed David McKinley a resident of Penna to be a Night Watchman on this Revenue at a compensation of $275 per annum. vice H. F. Wilcox Transferred. So to take effect upon confirmation. & respectfully submit the same for your approval

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. Lowber Saunders
Dept.

Hon H. C. Bunkard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17th May 1853

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 13th inst. in regard to the purchase of Copper I have to inform you that I have received 2 offers. one from Pope Cole & Co of Baltimore to furnish 20000 lbs. @ 14 7/8 ¢ per pound: the other from Nathan Trotter & Co of this City offering 20000 pounds at 15 ¢ per pound.

I have accepted the bid of the former firm theirs being the lowest, and because their copper give invariable satisfaction

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lovard Snowden
Superintendent

Hon H.R. Denhard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 18th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co

10½ mil 83

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Howard Lunden

May 18th 83

J. H. Seligman

Co.

10th mil 83

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A. London Founder

19th May 3

Sir

I have the honor to enclose memo.s No 838 & 839 of Gold Bullion, being for remittances received from the United States Assay Office at Charlotte N.C. to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

Superintendent

Hon A.F.C. Bouchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19th May 3

Sir;

I herewith enclose memorandums No. 538 and 847, of Gold Bullion being remittances, respectively No. 17 & 18, received from your office, as per letters of advice of the 14th & 15th inst.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

Superintendent

Calvin L. Coates Jr.
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

19th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day -

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. M. C. Dunchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

19th May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to request that you will have printed for the use of this Mint, as early as practicable, 2000 Circulars similar to the form herewith enclosed

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. H. L. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 19th 3

2026	J. H. Seligman & Co.	$7,757.12
2027	Stanley & Comis	20,736.15
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St Louis Exhibition

May 21st 3

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May 21st 83

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L Loudon Snowden

21st May 3

Sir;

Herewith I enclose Invoice No. 31 in duplicate of Gold bullion, being for remittance No. 11, received from your office, as per letter of advice and memorandum of the 17th inst.

Very respectfully,

Superintendent

A. Silva Esq
Assayer in Charge, U.S. Mint
Denver
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21st May 3

Sir;

I have to inform you that you are transferred from the position of night watchman to be a Helper in the Melter and Refiners Department of this Mint at a Compensation of $2.00 per diem to take effect tomorrow morning

Very respectfully

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Mr Henry F. Wilson
Night Watchman

21st May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose memo No. 851 of Gold bullion, being for remittance received from the United States Mint at Denver, to be transferred to the Bullion Fund of this Mint

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Landor Thornton

by

Superintendent

Hon. N. C. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

21st May 9

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst. answering mine of the 17th, instructing me as to the manner in which you desire me to subdivide the bullion fund in future, I have to state that I shall hereafter follow your directions

I desire however to lay before you the reasons which have heretofore led me to adopt the plan which you now consider incorrect and desire me to abandon.

It has always been understood that all Coin on hand in the Mint, not exceeding the total amount due the

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Treasurer of the United States on his Bullion Fund account, was subject to his orders, and could be drawn out by him at any time, and by him only. Of course, I understand fully that he cannot draw upon the profits, until they are properly transferred to his credit on Bullion Fund account, but as the coin may be needed for circulation, the ground always has been taken, that he alone could move the Coin. For this reason in making up the subdivisions of his Bullion fund account, I have always placed upon his statement first the actual amount of coin on hand available for

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circulation and the difference between such amount of Coin and the total sum standing to his credit in his Bullion Fund was considered to be in his hands as bullion available for coinage, the difference between this amount of Bullion and the total Bullion in the Mint, being available for and Collateral for profits

I will not discuss the correctness of this theory, further than to say that it seems to me from a business standpoint to be reasonable and proper, because, if the Coin representing profits cannot be circulated, for the reason, that

it has not been covered into the Bullion Fund, in the event of a pressing demand for it, large sums would remain uncirculated

The balance sheet for April which is just completed and which I send you to day, shows the profits on silver Coinage to be # 897.352 75, which under your ruling are not available because they are not yet in the Bullion Fund

It has been my custom to forward to the Treasurer, a daily Statement of his Bullion Fund, showing its subdivisions, and the amount of Coin upon which he may draw.

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Would it not be well that I explain to him the change suggested by you in rendering the statement, and your reasons for doing so, and also suggest the expediency of rendering the statement weekly, as is done for you?

Your early reply is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
London Mordecai
Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

22nd. May 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 22nd. inst, I have to inform you that up to the present date there have been issued as follows:

Old five cent pieces 1.456.919, value $72.845.90
New, without "Cents" 5.479.519, " 273.975.90

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S R Cozzens Smith
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Pinchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21st May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a package of payrolls No 98

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L R Broksenthwaite
Acting Superintendent

Hon R. E. Dunbard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 22 [illegible]

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S R Compton Whitaker
Atty

22nd. May 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of 18th May in regard to the shipment of mint coins to this Mint, I have to say that I have not yet able to count and examine the coin.

As soon as it is done, I will advise you of the results, and whether the bag of one cent bronze pieces referred to is among them.

Very respectfully

L. Eckfeldt

Acting Superintendent.

M. W. Kennard Esq
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Boston
Mass

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22nd. May 9

Sir;

Respectfully referring to your letter of April 18th, I beg to ask that you will expedite the Completion of the index book, requested March 21st and therein referred to - for the use of the Weigh Clerk - as it is necessary that he should have it at an early day.

Also please have completed and forwarded as early as possible the book of "Gold and Silver bullion: weight after melting", for which requisition was also made.

This book - another sample of which is enclosed - is badly needed and should be forwarded with as little delay

as possible.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

L. Rosenfeld

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

23rd May 3

Sir

I have the honor to enclose Statement of charges imposed on bullion received here during April, ultimo,

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
R Broomhead
Acting Superintendent

Hon H. C Bunkard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

23rd May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificates of Deposit Nos. 5733 and 5734 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, for, respectively, $898.51, deposited on account of refining charges, and $84.21 deposited on account of other than refining charges;

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant

L. R. Boosenthaut

Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Purchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

May 23d 3

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for melting & Recoinage) from the Miner Coin Redemption Fund Twenty Seven Hundred & Twenty Two $\frac{99}{100}$ (2772.99) Dollars in 3d Nickel Coin and Two Hundred & Sixty $\frac{01}{100}$ (260.01) Dollars in 1d Bronze Coin as per the following authority viz:

Letter & Telegram of Director		April 24 1873
Do	Do	Janry 23d 1874
Do Secretary of the Treasury		Oct 29 1874
Do	Director	Dec. 11 1875
Do	Do	May 29 1878
Do with Inclosure	Do	Nov 14 1881
Do of Approval	Asst U.S. Director	" 22d 1881
Do		May 15th 1883

S R Comptheraker
Ag Superintendent

THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.

Philadelphia May 23d 1873

Hon. Horace E. Burchard

Director of the Mint

Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to report the shipments of Silver Dollars coined at this Mint during the month of April 1873 as follows

1,136,758.644 dollars

70,000

L. R. Comfort Assistant

Acting Superintendent

May 24th 3

Sir

In return for the $2.00 currency in your letter of the 23d inst, I send herewith, Forty (40) five cent prints of the new design (without the word "cents" on

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
London Snowden
Superintendent

Hon Horatio C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C

May 24th 3

2031 J. W. Ellyman & Co. 39 Pa. 67
2032 Smith Nat. L. R.
New Chest. for Use of
Warren Manuf. Co.
34 Pa. 82. 32

L. London Saunders
by

May 24th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co

17th inst. 82

30.224. 50
30.174. 25
33.177. 47

$1.02.88

Louden Snowden & Co

May 24th 83

J. & W. Seligman & Co

17th inst 82

33.537 82
33.465 32
1285 33.762 37

London Thursday

May 21st 83

Boston Coles. Smelting Co.

17½ inst

34.770. 50
34.748. 72
34.882 32

C. 1.27

Londonderry

24th May 3

Sir;

I beg to enclose herewith Coun-
ter's memorandums showing the Net re-
sult of nickel one cent pieces forwarded
by you to this Mint on Transfer Order No.
11200: Also a tag accompanying a bag
found to be 31 ℔ short, which amount
please remit;

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Superintendent

Hon Thomas D Acton
Asst. Treas: United States
New York
N.Y.

24th May 3

Sir;

Replying to the last paragraph of your letter of the 23d; I have to state that the Coiner does not keep a record of Deliveries by numbers, but by dates only, and I therefore cannot comply with your request to have numbers placed upon the envelopes containing Special Coins sent to your office for assay as requested

If however it is an absolute necessity I will endeavor to arrange so that your wishes may be fulfilled in this respect

Very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

Hon. R.C. Rowland
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Superintendent

Rec'd May 28th
Vouchers incomplete
28th

24th May 3

Sir;

I forward to day by Adams Express a box containing my bullion accounts and vouchers for the 1st quarter of 1883

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Superintendent

Hon A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

24th May 3

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23d. inst, I have to say that we have examined the remittance of minor Coins received from your office and do not find among them any one cent bronze pieces or any bag marked to contain $75.00

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

N. P. Kennard Esq
Asst. Treas: U.S.
Boston
Mass

24th May 3

Sir;

For several days past I have not transmitted to you office the usual daily Statement of the subdivisions of Coin and bullion comprising your Bullion Fund, for the reason that the Director has instructed me - under date of the 18th inst - to carry the balance of all Silver Bullion purchased into your account, at its cost value.

As by his direction, our Silver Bullion Purchase account, is made up monthly, and the balance on hand and its cost then only determined, you will readily see that we cannot report to you daily

the amount of such bullion, to your credit.

Under these circumstances I am compelled to abandon the daily transmission of your report; but if it will be satisfactory to you, I will continue to state upon the weekly Transcript, the total Gold and Silver belonging to your Bullion Fund

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
your obedient servant
Logan Murdock
Superintendent

Hon: A. W. Wyman
Treasurer of the U. S.
Washington
D. C.

25th May 3

Sir;

The name of Charles Blackman, appointed Night Watchman, Feb. 10th, should be Charles H. Blackman.

Please have the necessary Correction made upon the Official Register in your office,

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. Lorenzo Lowder
Superintendent

Hon H. A. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

25th May 3

Sir,

In reply to your letter of this morning asking permission for leave of absence during the month of August to visit San Francisco, in Connection with the Knight Templars, I beg to say that permission is given you to be absent for the time named – one half as your regular vacation – and "half time" allowed for the other two weeks,

Very respectfully

Leander Sanders
Supt

M. A. Wertz
Conductor

25th May 3

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of this date, ordering two silver proof sets of the current year.

I beg to reply that I forward them to you this day by registered mail

Very respectfully

A. Loudon Snowden

Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq
Mint Bureau
Washington
D. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the
Semi-annual Report of the Surveys executed at
this Office for the year ending this date
and remain very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Alexander Bache
Superintendent

Lieut. C. Bunchard
Depot of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20th May 3

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit the Coiner's report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the week ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
Lovett Snowden
Superintendent

Hon. R. C. Rinehard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

26th. May 3

Sir.

I return this day by Registered Mail the book of distances for shipment of Silver, revised April 1st 1873

Very respectfully
Your obdt servant
Lorenzo Sawyer
Superintendent

Hon A. E. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

26th May 3

Sir;

As requested in your letter of the 28th ult., I have to inform you that the balance standing to the Credit of the Silver profit fund March 31. 1883 is $758.20 22

The Bullion Accounts will be forwarded to you in the Course of a day or two

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon W. C. Bunkard

Treas. of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

26th May 3

Sir;

Referring to your letter of the 10th inst. I have to inform you that the dies for the Gold Life Saving Medal, are now completed: also the attachments for the same.

Work has just been commenced on the dies for the Silver medal.

Awaiting your further instructions with regard to the dies now completed

I am very respectfully
Your obedient servant

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

26th May 3

Sir;

Referring to your letter of April 21st with regard to furnishing supplies to the Mint of the United States at Denver, I beg to inform you that I delivered the following articles to the Quarter Master General on the 24th inst:

250 pairs fine Mitts @ 100 pr. Mary Loughridge 165 "
100 " Martha Taylor 65 "
50 " Matilda Walton 32 50

One box Assayers Lead (furnished by this Mint)
12 doz Mattresses (White, Tatum & C 96 "
6 " Annealing Cup. (Bullock & Crenshaw) 80 "
for shipment to that mint.

The Sand and Battersea pots have

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not yet arrived, but as soon as they are received, I will have them forwarded as directed.

Enclosed please find bills in duplicate for the articles mentioned: also Quarter Master's Receipts.

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lorenzo Thomas
Superintendent

Hon: H. C. Purchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

26th May 9

Sir;

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst., stating that the daily report from this Mint of the condition of the Bullion Fund is essential, and cannot be dispensed with, and suggesting that I report to you upon the form furnished, the total amount of Silver dollars coined and also the seigniorage, as a means of overcoming the difficulty which has arisen.

In reply I have to say that I will cheerfully furnish you with any statement which will truthfully exhibit the subdivisions of the balance in this Mint, composing your Bullion Fund.

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You will observe however that the question of Seignorage is a very stubborn, barrier, preventing me from fully Complying with your wishes, as the Computation of this item made every day during the Month for report upon your daily Statement, will not at the end of the month Correspond with the monthly results prepared for and required by the Director of the Mint.

All reports should agree in detail and I earnestly desire to furnish you with all the information required, if by any proper means that end can be attained. Properly, the seignorage should not be approximated; nor the cost of the bullion.

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Respectfully submitting the matter
for your further consideration
I am, your obedient servant
S. London Mowbray
Superintendent

Hon A. U. Wyman
Treasurer of the United States
Washington
D. C.

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U. S. Mint

Philad
26 May 1853

Respectfully referred
to the Treasurer of the
United States and the
auditor co-directed

A. Loudon Snowden
Superintendent

May 28th 3

2033 Hayes & Connell 20.679 22

L. K. Cowperthwait
Esq

28th May 3

Sir;

I beg to return herewith the sum of 38¢, being the bullion value of mutilated 50¢ piece received with your letter of the 26th

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
L. Bonfort Snowden
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

28th May 3

Sir;

I beg to inform you that I have not yet received the draft for the two silver proof sets forwarded to you upon your telegram of the 25th inst.

Very respectfully

J. R. Snowden

Acting Superintendent

R. E. Preston Esq.
Mint Bureau
Washington
D. C.

28th May 3

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 28th in relation to the Wood Contract, I am directed by the Superintendent to inform you that he will be unavoidably absent from the City for a few days, but that upon his return he will make reply thereto;

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. Blumenthal
Acting Superintendent

Hon H.C. Blanchard
Register of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

May 28 3

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner (for Melting and Recoinage) from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Seventeen Hundred & Forty Four 78/100 (1744.78) Dollars in one cent nickel Copper Coins as in the following authority—

Viz: Letter & Telegram of the Director April 24 1873
Do Do Jany 23d 1874
& Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29 1874
Do Director Dec. 11 1875
Do Do May 29 1878
Do with Enclosure Do Nov 14 1881
Do of Approval Treas U.S. " 22d 1881
Do Director May 15 1883

S R Bowpeltheraite
Acting Supt.

28th May 69

Sir;

In conformity with your telegram of this date, I have to inform you that the correction therein referred to is made in the address of the coin on Transfer Letter No. 23.147 for Silver, and is directed to be shipped to Oakland National Bank, Oakland Ill.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
S. R. Cooper Chamberlain
Acting Superintendent

Hon A. U. Wyman
Treasurer of the United States
Washington
D.C.

28th May 3

Sir;

Remittance No. 19 of Gold Bullion from your office, has been received by Express, as per letter of advice and memorandum of 26th. inst.

Very respectfully

R. Eccleston

Acting Superintendent

Calvin J. Rowles Esq
U.S. Assayer
Charlotte
N.C.

28th May 3

Sir;

I beg to hand you herewith statement of the result of the Count of Minor Coins received from your office on transfer order No. 11286, calling for $3744 00.

A careful Count of this Coin produced $3147 50, or $2 50 in excess of the amount of the Transfer Order which sum I have forwarded this day to your office by Express

The tags are herewith enclosed.

Very respectfully

S. R. Comfort Acting Superintendent

William M. Kennard Esq.
Asst Treas: U. S.
Boston
Mass

May 29 — 3

Director of the Mint
Washington DC

Telegram delivered this
a.m. at one ten twenty five
(1 10 25) and one ten thirty (1 10 30)
on sale twenty fourth (24th)
Is that correct?

S R Crowthwaite
Acg Supt

Chgr Gnt

29th May 3

Sir,

I have to inform you that I have to day delivered to the Assistant Quarter Master General in this City 3 Casks of Sand Pots for delivery to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Denver, and beg to enclose herewith bills in duplicate of Messrs Philips and Jacobs amounting to $66 00. for the same and also the Quarter Master's receipt.

I am daily expecting the arrival of the Battersea pots, and as soon as they are received, I will ship them without delay

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L. R. Croxton Lieut
Mint Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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29th May 3

Sir;

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury for the sum of $900 00 payable from the appropriation for Parting and Refining, to meet the probable expenses in that account for the month of June;

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Cowperthwait
Acting Superintendent

Hon H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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31 May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the Coiners report of the Coinage executed at this Mint for the month ending this day

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. R. Snowden Chief
Acting Superintendent

Hon. A. C. Buchanan
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 29th 3

2034	Handy & Smith	48.671.73
2035	J. H. Seligman & Co	33.000—

S. R. Comptroller
Acf

31 May 3

Hon A C Bradford
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Amount of silver for coinage silver dollars on hand one million one hundred forty thousand ounces approximately.
Statement by mail to day

L R Dowpenthwaite
Act'g Superintendent
U.S. Mint
Philad

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31st May 3

Sir;

I have the honor to forward to day by Registered Mail the following Coins received for special assay from the deliveries for the current month:

10 Standard Dollars (412) = $ 10 00

20 Dimes = 2 00

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
L R Bowen
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. C. Burchard
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

May 31st 3

2036 J. & W. Seligman & Co 3668.08

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